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

Motto for the crook: A parole is as good as a pardon.

Secretary Shaw seems to think the pending law will make currency ductile rather than elastic.

From the number of cases in the federal courts, 1907 may be expected to right many of the wrongs of 1906.

The greatest trouble in the solution of the San Francisco school question seems to be for the government to get into court with its right foot first.

While real business refuses to be curbed by legislation, the stringency of the general public will not be alarmed over the financial situation.

John D. Rockefeller's gift of \$3,000,000 to the University of Chicago shows that he doesn't expect to need all of his surplus to pay fines this year.

Conductors may be excused if they fail to collect all tickets for a few days, since they have had a "holding acquaintance" with so many passengers for many years.

That Japanese anarchist who is threatened with deportation may become an international incident if the mikado objects to having the men he can spare returned to him.

The struggle between Mr. Harriman and the Colorado river still leaves unsettled the question of supremacy between the wizard of the rail and the forces of nature.

Now that the doors of the White House have been thrown open for the annual public reception the people can be assured that the arm which swings the big stick had all the work it could dispose of in one day.

In deciding that Indiana have a right to make homestead entry on public lands, the Interior department may find it necessary to waive that provision which prohibits entry to white men holding land of certain dimensions.

Governor Hughes of New York assures the people that he will be governed by the constitution in the performance of duty—but he will probably ask permission to construe it to suit his own ideas until the supreme court speaks.

Arkansas citizens who gave a farewell reception to a state senator sentenced to prison for bribery will have no one to blame but themselves if their children fail to learn that the way of the transgressor is hard before they get on the road.

Simon Guggenheim, republican caucus nominee for senator from Colorado, declares that he has accomplished his desire to be independent; but he will probably find that "independence" has more than one meaning in American politics.

In the threatened demolition of "ring rule" the people should be careful not to pass from the hands of a "ring" horse by suzerainty to one fastened upon them through forms of law. Even "reform" legislation can be dangerous in some hands.

The terrible wreck near Washington reminds us that there are still a number of grade crossings in Omaha that are absolutely unprotected. The first business of the new year for the city authorities should be to see that these places are made safe.

RAILROADS AND WATER COMPETITION.

The result of Commissioner Garfield's investigation into the effect of water transportation on railroad rates will challenge public attention to a point which has heretofore been regarded as quite secure. It has been a comfortable popular habit to look to deep water, whether ocean, lake, river or canal, as a regulator of transportation charges which could be resorted to when all else failed.

It is shown conclusively that in some important directions the railroads have neutralized water competition. It is well known that the decline of commerce on the Mississippi and its main tributaries has not been altogether due to the superior railroad facilities or rates, but very largely by manipulations and discriminations, whereby the public has been arbitrarily deprived of natural advantages.

The commissioner's report reveals an elaborate system by which similar results have been brought about to some extent in lake and even in salt water competition, in part by terminal manipulation and in part by outright ownership of water freight agencies.

One of the most serious features is opportunity for far-reaching discrimination developed by the roads under the excuse of water competition, for at the same time that they were stealthily neutralizing it they were exaggeratedly its effect as a cover for abuses that have long been expressly made criminal by law.

The tremendous expansion of industry and its centralized control under existing capitalistic methods have materially changed the conditions in which water transportation was indeed the efficient freight regulator. The question of its restoration and safeguard, however, is pre-eminently one for national control, which has already gone to the length of providing for exclusion of railroads from other fields of enterprise.

THE SEARCHLIGHT OF PUBLICITY ON THE EXTRAORDINARY LIST OF PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS AND PAROLES CHARGEABLE TO GOVERNOR MICKEY raises several points regarding the pardoning power, which seems to have been so shamefully abused. Although the intention of our constitution framers and of our lawmakers was to distinguish sharply between pardons, commutations and paroles and to limit the exercise of the pardoning power under strict regulations imposed by law, it has come about that practically no difference exists between these various ways of exercising executive clemency.

OUR INCREASED MONEY STOCKS. The statement of the secretary of the treasury that the money in actual circulation in the United States, exclusive of the amount in the treasury vaults, has increased \$205,000,000 within a year shows the possibility of considerable currency expansion under our present system.

THE REVIVAL BY THE DEMOCRATIC CITY COUNCIL OF THE PROPOSITION TO CONSTRUCT THE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT may be in good faith, but the democrats had an opportunity to assist in just such a move two years ago when the proposition was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN C. NELSON TO BE DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT AT OMAHA FOR THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY is another answer to the allegation that the young man has no chance. Mr. Nelson only a few years ago was a messenger boy in the service of the Western Union company and his rise has been due to his merit and not to any pull.

POINT OF VIEW, THAT THE RESTRICTION OF CURRENCY EXPANSION PRACTICALLY TO THE LIMIT OF PERMISSIBLE DRAFTS UPON THE WORLD'S SURPLUS GOLD IS AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE A SALUTARY SAFEGUARD AGAINST OVERSTRAINED CREDIT AND SPECULATIVE EXCESS.

Although it may to some extent retard the processes of industry and exchange.

TAFT AND THE PRESIDENCY.

While the public accepts the sincerity of Secretary Taft's formal statement that he is not a seeker for presidential nomination, that he does not expect to be the republican candidate and that he anticipates multiplication of objections to his availability as a result of his continued discharge of official duties, it by no means follows that he is debarred from public consideration because he has no organized political machine behind him in Ohio or elsewhere or because he is not an adept in political manipulations or even because they are distasteful to him.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT SECRETARY TAFT IS ONE, AND BY NO MEANS THE LEAST, IN THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEN WHOSE PERSONALITIES, ABILITIES AND RECORDS ARE SUCH AS TO CAUSE THEM EXTENSIVELY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTY LEADERSHIP IN THE NEXT NATIONAL CONTEST.

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MR. DOWLING TO CONVINCE OMAHA PEOPLE THAT THE UNIVERSITY WAS NOT IN OPPOSITION TO ANY STEP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OR IMPROVEMENT OF OMAHA.

Locally the name of Creighton has been synonymous with progress for so many years that Omaha citizens cannot conceive of its being connected with obstruction in any way.

THE WINNEBAGO INDIAN WHO REFUSED TO WORK FOR THE MAN TO WHOM HE HAD BEEN PAROLED FROM THE PENITENTIARY EXHIBITED A VERY PRIMITIVE NOTION OF JUSTICE.

IN REFUSING TO GRANT A CHANGE OF VENUE FOR MAYOR SCHMITZ'S SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE HAS NO DOUBT GIVEN WORK TO THE SUPREME COURT, WHILE HE HAS FOR A TIME CREATED SYMPATHY FOR THE ACCUSED OFFICIAL, WHO IS NOT PERMITTED TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH HIS FORMER LIEUTENANT.

BACK NUMBER PROFESSION. Statistics show that the burglarizing profession got only \$4,127 out of banks during the year.

ENTRAILED. Admiral Togo is thinking of coming to America. He has waited too long. People are too busy admiring Mink Hicks to pay any attention to such a man as Togo now.

PLAN FOR A PASS. Chicago Inter Ocean. When the average citizen is questioned as to his general record on the day of judgment, it goes without saying that his first words will be in the nature of a complaint about the shortage of cars.

MAKING IT UNDESIRABLE. Philadelphia Press. Bryan is willing to run for president once again. Running three times is different from having three terms, so there ought to be no objection.

FIRST GUN FOR TAFT. Cleveland Leader. The Leader believes that William H. Taft is the most available Ohioan. He is the man most likely to win the nomination against formidable opposition by the friends of rival candidates of other states.

THE RAINBOW OF HOPE. Kansas City Item. A Baltimore woman had a Christmas tree for dogs. Money was lavished in the decorations and the prizes that were provided as prizes.

PENSION SYSTEM ON RAILROADS. Chicago Chronicle. Several large corporations have inaugurated the pension system and have found it satisfactory, both sentimentally and materially.

ALBY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON.

Current Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. The vacancy in the brigadier generalship which will occur on January 3 by the appointment of Brigadier General J. F. Bell to a major general will probably be filled by the appointment of one of the senior colonels of the line; at least, there are indications of this very gratifying state of affairs.

A question recently arose in the War department as to the meaning of the expression "term of enlistment" in the official orders defining the conditions of awarding service and service-in-war chevrons. It has been decided that for service chevrons the period of service must have been a full three years or five years enlistment and for one service-in-war chevron the enlistment may have been honorably terminated before the expiration of the term, but to be entitled to wear more than one such chevron for the same war or campaign the first enlistment must have been terminated by expiration of the term of service.

An army officer now on duty in an eastern station and formerly on duty in Utah has asked the War department if he may have two horses transported from North Dakota to his present station at government expense. When he was on duty in Utah he had two horses which he had owned, there being no place to keep them at the post where he was stationed, and he now desired to have two horses transported from a place of purchase which is considerably more distant from his present post than the station of duty to which he has been transferred. The application has been adversely acted upon by the quartermaster general of the army, whose views have been sustained by the War department.

It has not yet been decided when there will be another examination of candidates for appointment as dental surgeon in the army. There are no vacancies and none in prospect, but it is considered of advantage to obtain some qualified candidates for an slighter. The recent examination held at West Point and San Francisco do not appear to have resulted in getting the desired personnel, although the surgeon general's office has yet to hear from the board on the Pacific coast. In the next examination the physical examination will take place at the military posts nearest the homes of the candidates, so that those who apply may be spared the expense of a trip to the place where the board meets for the professional examination. It so happened that several of the candidates who appeared before the recent board at West Point were declared disqualified on physical grounds and they might have been spared the time and cost of the longer trip by a shorter one to the nearest post for an examination by a medical board.

A waterproof pack chest has been adopted for use of the signal corps of the army. The chest is 30x18 inches, outside measurement. It is made of leather, securely bound with iron and has a substantial lock. It will be provided for issue only to signal corps companies, on field service and is intended for the packing of telegraph, telephone and testing instruments, heliograph, field glasses and telescopes, small tools, such as hammer, screw driver, etc., and other articles of value which must be secured against loss and instruments which should be protected from the weather.

A decision has been rendered by the assistant comptroller of the treasury to the effect that an officer of militia who acted as disbursing officer during an encampment is entitled to the pay of his grade during the encampment and for such period thereafter as was actually necessarily consumed by him in the performance of duty. Such a high honor and travel allowances of the officers and men of the militia and in the preparation of accounts for transmission to the proper administrative department of the government.

PERSONAL NOTES. Doubtless the Sage millions will be distributed after the probate court has passed upon the will of Mrs. Sage. King Oscar of Sweden is one of the most remarkable of European monarchs. Besides being a voluminous writer he is a first-rate musician, an expert linguist, a good speaker and an all-round sportsman.

Although James Bryce, the new British ambassador to this country, is 65 years old, he has not by any means exhausted his physical energy or his fondness for exercise in the open air. His recreation is mountain climbing and he is president of the English Alpine club. Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Johnston of Milwaukee have made a gift of \$100,000 to the construction and equipment of a new home for Marquette college, to be erected in their city. The trustees of the college offered to change the name of the Johnston college, but the Johnstons prefer it should continue to bear the name of the famous missionary.

Recent announcement in a press report to the effect that \$5,000 was paid for a copy of the early laws of Connecticut, known also as the "blue laws" of Connecticut, has brought to light the possibility that the only other copy in existence is in possession of Mrs. C. E. Laverty of Louisville, Ky. It has occupied a place in her library for fifty years. The Japanese government has sent its chief railway engineer from the island of Formosa to spend six months in the United States and six months in Europe studying the latest methods in railway construction. His name is H. Inagaki. He has just arrived in San Francisco, where he will remain a month. He is a young man in the early thirties. Dr. George F. Kuns, statistician on precious stones for the United States geological survey, has retired. Originally an annual review of the precious stone industry in the United States was published, but Dr. Kuns has extended this of late years to cover discoveries and developments in precious stones and ornamental stones in all parts of the world.

A. Robinson, until recently president of the Mexican Central railroad, will be made manager of all the railroads controlled by the Mexican government. He was very close to President Diaz during the ten years he was at the head of the Mexican Central. Mr. Robinson was raised on a farm and from childhood until he reached his majority he was engaged in farm labor, except for one year, when he was clerk in a general store. His work on railroads began in 1899.

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RAILROAD BETTERMENTS.

Extensions and Improvements that Are Planned for the Year. New York Commercial. The authorization of large stock issues by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern not only indicate great extensions and important betterments in the railroad properties in the territory cultivated by these companies, but they suggest a struggle for new business such as marks an era of great national prosperity.

The Union Pacific's very prosperous outlook with its enormous reserves and the Milwaukee system's hundred-million stock increase available for extensions to the Pacific coast will make these lines very active in the development of new business in the remoter west. All these do not necessarily mean anything beyond the taking advantage of prosperous times to open up and develop regions that will be permanently and bountifully tributary to the lines penetrating them.

COINCIDENT WITH THESE FAR-WESTERN EXTENSIONS AND BETTERMENTS THERE IS GOING ON IN THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL STATES A DEVELOPMENT MORE GRADUAL, LESS STRIKING, BUT NONE THE LESS SURE TO MODIFY AND COMPLICATE THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM. We refer to the strongly defined tendency to make the electric traction lines, such as found so abundantly in states like Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, auxiliary to the steam lines in handling freight and express matter.

THE PRESENT CAR SHORTAGE, THE COAL FAMINE IN THE WEST, AND THE INABILITY OF STEAM RAILWAY CARBIDERS TO OVERTAKE THEIR ORDERS ALL EMPHASIZE THE NEED OF ADDITIONAL AIDS TO THE PRESENT TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OF THE COUNTRY. That the trunk lines of railroad and the smaller steam lines already see the vantage-point achieved by connecting systems of electric roads is shown by the favor with which interchange of transportation is regarded.

TO MAKE THESE ELECTRIC TRACTION LINES FEEDERS AND AUXILIARIES TO THE STEAM RAILS IS REALLY LESS DIFFICULT AS A PROBLEM THAN IT WOULD SEEM TO MANY, AND THE SOLUTION OF MANY ANNOYING TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS IS LIKELY TO BE FOUND ALONG THIS PATHWAY. From now on the foresighted will keep an eye on the understandings arrived at between the greater railway systems and the parallel and intersecting electric lines.

A BLUSHING "YES." The Peerless One Hesitates, Though Willing to Consent. The Hon. William Jennings Bryan will not protest himself with a lightning rod. In words that reveal his hitherto unsuspected talent for diplomacy, the Wanderer veils a blushing yes: "While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate, I have not stated that I would not be a candidate. Such a high honor and travel allowances of the officers and men of the militia and in the preparation of accounts for transmission to the proper administrative department of the government."

THE WALTER HAD JUST BEEN KNOCKED DOWN BY AN IRATE PATRON. "Can't you give a man a tip without completely overturning him?" he grumbled, as he hurriedly raised his head, as he dusted his clothes. "That your sense of proportion is delicate." Philadelphia Ledger.

TAXES ON INHERITANCE.

Contributions to the Public Revenue in Twenty-Five States. St. Louis Globe Democrat. The census bureau's inquiry shows that twenty-five states tax inheritances, and the aggregate amount which they received in the latest year from such complete figures have been obtained is a little over \$7,000,000. New York got \$3,300,000 from this source, Pennsylvania, \$1,300,000; Illinois, \$503,000; Massachusetts, \$425,000; Connecticut, \$350,000; California, \$250,000; Missouri, \$225,000, and the other eighteen states received smaller amounts.

IN SOME OF THE STATES, IT WILL BE NOTICED, THE INHERITANCE TAX IS A RATHER IMPORTANT ITEM IN THE REVENUES. It is easy to see that New York would dislike to surrender this \$3,300,000 a year to the federal government, which it will have to do if the president's proposition for an inheritance tax should be adopted. Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri and the other states which have this tax in any phase probably would like to hang onto it. This is a sentiment which will tell against the proposition if it comes up in congress in a practical way.

ASSUMING THAT THE TWENTY-FIVE STATES WHICH TAX INHERITANCES GET, IN THE AGGREGATE, ABOUT \$7,000,000 FROM THAT SOURCE WITH THE addition of the other twenty states to the roll of inheritance taxers would bring this form of revenue up to \$50,000,000 or \$15,000,000 a year. But there is reason to believe, from England's experience, that a United States inheritance tax would yield much more than this sum. As we are now running up a surplus which will be likely to amount to \$60,000,000 or more for the twelve months which end next June, congress will not be in a hurry to enact any new forms of taxation. Secretary Shaw puts the treasury surplus for the present fiscal year at \$50,000,000, but his estimates have usually been below the mark. The present indications are that the states will be allowed to retain their revenue from inheritances.

FLASHES OF FUN. Bacon—She can't get her husband to believe anything unless he sees it. "Oh, he used to be employed in the weather bureau."—Yonkers Statesman. Old Hunk—When I was a young man I could strike a harder blow with a sledge-hammer than I can now. "You still hold the record as a knocker."—Chicago Tribune. "Every Miss, you know, has a mission in life," remarked Jockley. "Yes," to a good man. "Perhaps," remarked Miss Vera Bright. "Yes," to a good man. "Perhaps," remarked the man has a mansion. Philadelphia Press. She (sternly)—Why were you so late last night? He (apologetically)—I was held up on my way home. She (sternly)—Were you too far gone to walk alone?—Baltimore American.

DREAMS OF CHILDHOOD. Kansas City Journal. Pleasant recollections, happy memories, songs of summer warriors in the willow trees. Turning life's book over, page by golden page. At the bedside dreaming Of a golden age! Come, ye little figures; come, ye visions sweet. Faces tanned and freckled, brown and bare of feet; Turn the book of living, page by golden page. At the bedside dreaming Of a golden age!

Of an age resplendent with the hopes of free and bright and careless of the human strife. Down the faded chimney winter winds may rage— "Nip it can mar the dreaming Of a golden age! When the heart was wholesome with the innocence Of the wildwood rapture, freedom's recom-pense. Turn the book of fortune, but the sweetest page. Tell us stories of dreaming Of a golden age! Tells of childhood pleasures, tells the wonder, joy in the happy days of a happy boy. Winds around the chimney rage and rage— "Nip it can mar the dreaming Of a golden age!

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