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

As long as the coal supply is short as sympathetic a strike of firemen would create little sympathy for them anywhere.

When river traffic is reopened on the Missouri the position of collector of the port at Omaha may not be so much of a sinecure.

Rents are going up in Omaha. Even Uncle Sam is raising his rents by increasing the prices charged for use of boxes in the postoffice.

MICKEY'S PARTING PARDON. Governor Mickey has finished an unparalleled record of pardons, commutations and paroles by the eleventh hour pardon of Mrs. Lena Lillie, under sentence of imprisonment for life for the murder of her husband.

The pardon of Mrs. Lillie, however, must not be confounded with the utterly inexcusable pardons, commutations and paroles distributed by Governor Mickey to hardened and desperate criminals convicted without the shadow of doubt of heinous offenses which make them dangerous to society.

Whatever may be said pro and con regarding the proposal to increase congressmen's salary 50 per cent, the scheme to manipulate its enactment through the agency of the senate, over the ostensible opposition of the house, is discreditable to many members of the latter body, who are reliably reported to have been actively but stealthily promoting it.

STANDARD OIL INDICTMENTS. The ruling of Judge Landis in the United States court at Chicago, sustaining the Standard Oil indictments, vindicates the validity of the Elkins law as to all offenses against its provisions committed prior to the time when the rate law became effective.

Now that Russian reactionaries have acquired the bomb-throwing habit Americans will not feel so much remorse when forced to sympathize with bomb-throwing revolutionists.

In deciding that the South Dakota railroad commission has power to control express companies, Judge Carland of the federal court gives a valuable "tip" to the Nebraska legislature.

After the Interstate Commerce commission has investigated the block signal system people may learn just how much of the system is of tangible benefit and how much depends on faith.

They will attend strictly to business. The message of the last election was directed to them, as well as to the lawmakers who meet next December.

ADVANCING PUBLIC CONTROL. The exultation of large corporation interests affected by congressional action concerning interstate commerce over the decisions of Judges Evans and McCall is premature.

But the rulings do initiate a process of most serious significance for corporations, inasmuch as the result will be certain and conclusive judicial definition of the constitution, the lack of which has for decades baffled the efforts of the people to secure remedies for transportation abuses.

Perhaps the prompt, impartial and full enforcement of the written law might do much toward abolishing the unwritten laws, at least in civilized centers.

Following Railroad Examples. Springfield Republican. Citizens of the West, Nebraska has lately stopped freight trains and seized cars of coal which the railroad was transporting to remote points for its own use.

BETTER SALARIES NECESSARY TO HOLD GOOD MEN. Chicago Tribune. It is with reason that First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock is alarmed at the large number of resignations from the postoffice service.

Emperor William is keeping remarkably quiet for a war lord who has a parliamentary election on his hands; but Chancellor von Buelow seems to have learned a lesson from the work of Secretary Root in New York.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. The demand for self-government voiced by the annual convention of representatives of the people of India, recently assembled at Calcutta, is symptomatic of the growing spirit of opposition to British domination in Asiatic affairs.

Science now announces that it is able to perceive the approach of earthquake tremors some hours before they reach the surface. It is self-evident that this only leaves the trivial detail of inventing some way to head them off in the interval between their perception and arrival.

THE HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN IS BOTH logical and generous when he announces that he is willing to relieve the party and the country by running again for the presidency. He knows the water tanks and way stations from one end to the other of the Salt River route, and could make the run with less wear and tear on nerves and throat than any other possible democratic candidate.

THE DECLINE OF THE BIRTH RATE IN certain countries is regarded by most writers on sociology as a symptom of national decline. In France it has even received governmental attention.

ONE OF THE LATE PRESIDENT HARRISON'S favorite private sayings was this quotation: "Was ever feather so lightly blown to and fro as this multitude?"

IN THE CALENDAR YEAR that ended December 31 the revenue of the government was ahead of expenditures \$66,000,000. Secretary Shaw's estimate of \$66,000,000 surplus for the fiscal year that closes June 30 next is likely to be exceeded.

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THE RAILROADS OF New Hampshire and North Dakota have issued the usual "courteous" notices to members of the legislature and other friends in those states. Passes are good only within state boundaries.

HEARD IN THE WAY TO a recount of the votes cast in the mayoralty contest in New York City fourteen months ago. Mayor McClellan is exercising for the fray by bouncing offensive Tammany officeholders.

THE NATIONAL SURPLUS. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In the calendar year that ended December 31 the revenue of the government was ahead of expenditures \$66,000,000.

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MERRY JINGLES. "How do you account for the yarn that Rockefeller cannot afford oysters?" is the oyster so high?

WHEN GRANDMA TUCKED THE TRICKS. Simon Guggenheim, the coming Junior senator from Colorado, will be the sixth Jew to sit as a member in the United States senate.

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