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

Chief of Police Donahue will soon be able to write a thrilling novel on the subject, "Between Two Fires."

The disaster at Kingston may induce the Danes to put their West Indian islands on the bargain counter once more.

St. Petersburg reports an earthquake, but may later admit that it was only the wrong man finding the powder magazine.

The Ohio river is now demonstrating the fact that it is no better than the Missouri, but it will with difficulty convince Chairman Burton.

That New York judge who fined liquor dealers for forming a monopoly can depend upon popularity with the American small boy.

While Attorney Jerome declares that legislators can be driven like sheep, "Andy" Hamilton knows that it is easier to lead them like lambs.

It is to be hoped the prohibition of the use of opium by Chinese officials will be reflected in the news sent out by oriental pipe-line correspondents.

Major Hersey's expectations of reaching the north pole thirty-six hours after leaving Norway should not deter him from taking provisions for at least a week's trip.

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If Harvie Jordan's remarks on the cotton situation are correct, the sooner the south brings the spinners to the fields rather than sending the cotton to the mills, the better it will be for consumer and producer.

The Kingston disaster has proved the advantage of wireless telegraphy over cables subject to terrestrial age; but as "high finance" has not taken up the system seriously it may still be considered an experiment.

While the government's cancellation of coal land entries may work hardship upon some innocent parties, the bill to give persons in possession preference seems to be in the nature of a reward for questionable practices.

The assertion that W. R. Hearst seeks to overthrow John Sharp Williams as democratic house leader is chiefly interesting from the fact that he was unable to accomplish the job during his membership in the house.

DANGEROUS MILL LEVIES.

The lower house of the legislature has made a special order for the discussion of the resolution presented by Representative Tucker declaring against appropriations by percentage mill levies, except so far as already provided for.

Once a percentage mill levy appropriation is made it runs indefinitely until some future legislature stops it. In other words, the legislature imposing such a mill levy commits all succeeding legislatures to repeat the performance by acquiescence.

Each legislature is judged by the extravagance or economy of its own appropriations and each legislature should be responsible for the amount of those appropriations.

THE SUBSIDY BILL. The form of subsidy bill that a majority of the house committee has agreed to report is open to attack for failing in some of its most important features to promote the central purpose on which the subsidy movement has been advocated.

It is therefore discovered with no small surprise that more than one-third of the total sum proposed to be paid from the treasury under the bill would go to steamship lines now plying in the Pacific ocean, not to South American ports, but to oriental ports, and that, too, without special safeguards for new or improved service there.

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THE RAILROAD STOCK SITUATION.

The status of the stock market shows that the cumulative disclosures regarding railroad management and finance has not been without effect upon "the public," which in final analysis is the real price factor.

Indubitable evidence is also at hand that investors and that section of speculators whose operations are most intimately adjusted to investors' sentiment, are deeply suspicious of potential influences over transportation and related properties, although they may not go to the length of Stuyvesant Fish, who, in a recent notable statement, positively affirmed that these stocks are now wholly at the mercy of manipulating cliques.

THE HONORABLE MAYOR "JIM" HAS GONE TO DENVER TO ATTEND A COWBOY MEETING AND SO EXTRAORDINARY DOES THE EXPEDITION APPEAR THAT THE LOCAL DEMON-ORGAN HEADS THE NEWS ITEM "THE MAYOR PAYS HIS FARE."

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In spite of the fact that the liberal majority in the British House of Commons and the conservative majority in the House of Lords have failed to reach a compromise in regard to the education bill, the nonconformist churches are rallying their forces to fight out the question to the bitter end.

The World-Herald still insists that Senator-elect Brown may not "fairly be said to stand as the choice of the rank and file of the people of his state." This is indeed amusing.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

A railroad collision and a pitch into a snowbank gives a touch of variety to Mr. Bryan's preparations for the battle of 1908.

The Kansas legislature has raised the pay of the higher court judges, and has not been very radical about it at that. The pay of the supreme court justices has been raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

THE INDICATIONS OF GROWING POPULAR DISCONTENT IN INDIA ARE CLOSELY WATCHED IN EUROPE.

WORLD'S RECORD WEALTH. Material Achievement Worthy of an Eagle's Sermon. Cleveland Leader. A government report soon to be issued shows that the United States is so far ahead of all other nations in wealth that there is really no second.

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AN UNPRECEDENTED GOVERNOR.

Farwell Salute to Pennsylvania's Retiring Chief Executive. Pittsburg Dispatch. The retirement from the governor's office of Pennsylvania to the privacy and ease with dignity of Schwenkville of so unique a public character as Samuel W. Pennypacker must pass without notice of his unexampled characteristics.

THE CHAPLAIN OF THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE, at the opening session, instead of praying for the members of the legislature, prayed for the people of the state.

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LINES TO A LAUGH.

"Jones has given up Scotch and drinks eye instead of whisky." "What for?" "He said he could stand snakes, but not plain ones."—Harper's Weekly.

"He said he would blow his brains out if I refused him." "Did you accept him?" "No; I knew he wasn't a good enough shot to carry out his threat."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I tell you, John, many a man never knew happiness until he was married." "That is so, my dear, but on the other hand, many a man never knew happiness until he was single."—Washington Times.

"Did your discomfort result from eating too much preserved fruit?" "No; I felt all right until I accidentally read the instructions on the labels."—Washington Star.

"He warned up considerably in his arguments." "Yes; but I think that was partly owing to the hot air in them."—Boston Transcript.

"I don't give money to tramps. What do you do?" "I give them a nickel." "Please, num, I work for the Society for Psychological Research." "Indeed? What work do you do for the society, pray?" "I help in the investigation of material spirits."—Boston Herald.

"The good die young." "What makes you think so?" "You never hear of the middle age, haven't you?"—Houston Post.

"I know a man," averred Uncle Allen Sparks, "who belongs to six secret societies, and attends the meetings of all of them. In fact, I presume I know him a great deal better than his wife does."—Chicago Tribune.

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