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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.

President Dryden of the Prudential has turned his senatorial aspirations down as a bad risk.

The author of "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey?" is in a Michigan jail. Justice may be tardy, but it usually arrives.

Senator Dewey says the newspapers have lately neglected him. He ought to be congratulating himself instead of complaining.

The claim is now made that there is gold in the dirt along the Panama canal. If so, it was put there by the government.

Grand juries in several states are still doing the Salome stunt, to the extent of demanding the scalp of John D. the Baptist.

If, as Mayor "Jim" contends, they are not real prize fights, then the promoters have been getting money under false pretenses.

Members of congress still cling to the notion that free seeds distributed by them sprout about the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Governor Folk of Missouri is recovering from a threatened attack of pneumonia. Strange how these politicians suffer so much from lung troubles.

Another objection to a war with Japan at this time is that the country is too busy with the Thaw trial to have its attention diverted by minor matters.

Chicago is calling in scientists to study the ravages of the lead-pipe cinch bug. It would seem to be a case for the plumber rather than the scientist.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has an exhaustive article on "The Art of Keeping Cool." Practice of the art of keeping warm will keep most people too busy to read it.

"We are making ourselves the laughing stock of coming generations," says Chancellor Day. So far as the chancellor is concerned, we are beating the coming generation to the laugh.

Authors still insist upon representing the hero of fiction as the son of poor but honest parents, although, in these days, it would be better fiction to represent him as the son of rich but honest parents.

The police board situation in Omaha seems to be rapidly approaching a crisis. The present board came as a kaleidoscopic change wrought by the hand of His Excellency, Governor Savage, and a kaleidoscopic exit would not be surprising.

One of the members of a committee to draft a new primary election law for Nebraska is said to be incubating a scheme by which one vote in one district will offset two votes in another district. The very statement of the proposition should be all-convincing.

Some members of the New Jersey legislature persist in voting for President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton for United States senator in spite of the fact that Harper's Weekly has already selected him president of the United States for the term beginning March 4, 1919.

THE LIQUOR BILLS.

The Nebraska legislature is being inundated with bills to impose still more severe restrictions upon the liquor traffic than are embodied in the present Slocumb law.

Two other proposed bills relate to the transportation of liquor in packages, requiring each package to be plainly labeled on the outside "Intoxicating Liquors," and making the place of delivery and collection the place of sale.

Still another bill undertakes to make every person who signs a petition for an applicant for liquor license co-responsible with the sureties on the liquor dealer's bond.

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As to limiting the number of saloon licenses issuable in any city, that power now rests in the discretion of the excise board and that this discretion has not been seriously abused is shown by the fact that in Omaha today only 248 licenses have been issued for the current year.

When all these questions of liquor traffic regulations are lifted down, the present Slocumb law, which has done satisfactory service without change for more than twenty-five years and which has given the perfection of local option to every community in Nebraska, seems to furnish the best solution.

JAPANESE MINISTER'S MEANING.

The Japanese foreign minister's notable statement before the Japanese House of Representatives, "that in the event of an unfavorable decision of the American courts on the San Francisco school question the anti-Japanese movement in California would be considered to represent the opinion of the whole United States, which would require diplomatic adjustment," is being widely misconceived and erroneously criticized in this country.

Such a decision would be simply the court's judgment that under our constitution control of the public schools is exclusively a state matter and not within the jurisdiction of the national government.

Japanese statesmen must be presumed to be perfectly aware of this distinction. Moreover, the most conspicuous fact of the whole situation is the practically universal disapproval in the United States of the anti-Japanese movement in San Francisco.

DEMAND FOR PRIMARY LAW.

Columbus Tribune: Right or wrong, the republican legislature was elected on a pledge to select a state-wide primary law that would be adopted.

That Nebraska school janitor who has been giving ice cream prizes to the pupils who keep the floor of their room the cleanest for the rest of the year is not making the most of his opportunities.

The president is carrying the war into Africa and, incidentally, carrying the African into the war, by deciding to appoint a negro as collector of the port at Cincinnati without the aid or consent of Senator Foraker.

Gradually the purpose of the anti-Japanese agitation in California is being revealed. The entire school board of San Francisco is going to Washington on a junket to tell Mr. Roosevelt all about it.

Competition a Lost Art. Washington Star: The western railways refuse to present even the formality of competition in submitting bids for the transportation of troops en route to the Philippines.

Hot Air Agrees with Him. Chicago News: While various eloquent gentlemen are rising in their places in the senate to denounce President Roosevelt the latter continues to eat his meals regularly and with a good appetite.

Plain and Pointed. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: A reduction for January of \$7,000,000 in the public debt is one of the solid indications of continued prosperity for the beginning of the year.

Omaha's Reputation for Art. Hartford (Conn.) Times: Pictures by the old masters have been suppressed in Omaha as indecent. The only thing that Omaha appreciates is photographs of the stock yard.

Is He the Same Chap? Chicago Irish Ocean: Can this be the same little Jap whom we met applying for a passport only a short time back when he was doing things to our ever faithful friend, the Russian emperor?

Still a Pertinent Observation. San Francisco Chronicle: The great fuss being made at this late day about public land frauds indicates that the old adage about locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen has not lost its pertinency.

Why the Shoe Pinches. Kansas City Star: With reference to Senator Rayner's charge that President Roosevelt is a "usurper," it may be suggested that it is time that some one besides the "special interests" did a little "usurping."

Progressive Bonanzas. Minneapolis Journal: The incident is closed with a letter from Admiral Evans commending Admiral Davis, a letter from Secretary Metcalf commending Evans for commending Davis, and a letter from the president commending Metcalf for commending Evans for commending Davis.

Figured Down. Washington Herald: A statistician has figured out that the increase in congressional salaries will cost every man, woman and child in the United States 1/4 cents annually.

A Gracious Spreeder. Philadelphia Record: Having made a 50 per cent increase in their own pay, the United States senators, when confronted with a proposition to increase the salary of letter carriers for free delivery offices 15 per cent, had not the gall to defeat it.

IMPROVING LAND LAWS. Measures Needed to End Wholesale Land Grabbing. Philadelphia Press: The administration appears likely to force the congress to deal with the vast empire of over 1,200,000 square miles which the United States today owns in the mountainous region between the Pacific coast and the 10th parallel.

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War's Huge Harvest. International Journal of Ethics: In the so-called "glorious" victories of Caesar a million men perished on the field of battle. Napoleon, in the short space of nine years, was said to devote to the glory of France 2,000,000 of her sons.

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