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

The bulk sales bill seems to be going through the legislature in bulk.

The suspicion is growing that Senator Foraker would rather be wrong than be president.

Cuban liberals threaten to invade the United States. The New Orleans police force should be on guard.

A St. Louis minister declares that baptism is useless. Those who have tried the water at St. Louis will agree with him.

Police Commissioner Broatch is not of the resigning hor of the resigned kind—not while he and Meise are keeping house together.

Another unpleasant feature of the snow blockades in the northwest is the certainty that their disappearance will be followed by spring floods.

Andrew Carnegie says he would like to be a newspaper reporter. Plenty of newspaper reporters would be willing to exchange places with Mr. Carnegie.

The senate at Washington is showing a disposition to get busy, the steering committee having decided upon the legislation that will not be passed at this session.

Trouble might be avoided if a part of Mr. Rockefeller's donation could be used for the establishment of a school in San Francisco for the education of the Japanese.

The Illinois legislature has granted permission for cadets to parade in the capitol grounds with empty guns. Members of the legislature are taking a wise precaution.

The Mardi Gras carnival parade at New Orleans is said to have been witnessed by 200,000 people. King Ak-Sar-Ben has been doing that well in Omaha right along.

For some peculiar reason folks up in Montana and Minnesota refuse to be scared over the prediction of a Texas man that the world will soon be consumed by fire.

Eastern tailors are advocating the retirement of the frock coat and the high hat. Now listen for protests from the minstrel men and the democratic marching clubs.

The government might accomplish its desire to reduce Mr. Rockefeller's swollen fortune by starting a chain of small colleges and inducing him to contribute to their support.

In effect the Californians are perfectly willing to allow the Japanese to attend the public schools in San Francisco if the United States government will pass a law keeping Japanese out of the country.

Aside from the fact that he is in favor of the contract plan and that he never said he would resign if the Panama canal were to be built by contract, the reports of the probable resignation of Chief Engineer Stevens are substantially correct.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. The Honorable "Jim" has come to the conclusion that he would rather serve out his present term as mayor than take a chance on re-election earlier through Omaha and South Omaha consolidation.

CONTROL OF GRAZING LANDS.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, evidently remembers many of the things that came within the observation and experience of Theodore Roosevelt, who used to manage a ranch up in Dakota. Proof of this is found in the letter of the president to Senator Warren of the senate committee on agriculture...

The president contends, in most of his effective terms, that the public domain has been reserved for the homesteader and that no action should be taken by the congress that will deprive the settler and the small ranchman of his rights in the premises. He also advances the most effective argument that the leasing and disposition of the public lands should be governed by local conditions and should be based on the judgment of western men familiar with local conditions...

With the adjournment of congress less than three weeks away, the chances are largely against any legislation at this session providing for the leasing of the public domain for grazing purposes. The hearings on the subject, however, have resulted in an educational benefit by showing congress the aims and motives back of the efforts of the different interests involved in the proposed legislation.

WESTERN GRAIN RESERVES AND TRADE.

The immense holdings of coarse and small grains still in farmers' hands constitute one of the strongest factors in the western business situation. These holdings, which in large part have been compulsory, are about to move rapidly to market. General shortage and winter blockades have proved an extraordinary handicap to grain movement.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATS WOULD LIKE.

The democratic World-Herald is showing signs of distress for fear the republican majority in the legislature may carry out their platform pledge for terminal taxation, as likewise their platform pledges for direct primaries, for abolition of free passes, for railway rate regulation, for an employers' liability act and for economical government generally.

IN HARD LINES.

Whoever is responsible for the scurrilous circular impugning the motives behind the entertainment recently furnished the legislature by the people of Omaha through the McKinley club banquet must be in hard lines. The circular is so full of misstatements made up of the whole cloth that it should have no other effect upon the members of the house and of the senate, to whom it has been mailed, than to arouse suspicion as to the purpose of the perpetrators.

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HARRIMAN AS A HUMORIST. FLASHES OF FUN. Chicago Record-Herald: E. H. Harriman is disposed to regard the Interstate Commerce commission as a joke. Let us not forget, however, that the commission may laugh last. Baltimore News: Mr. Harriman joyously remarks that he would make a good interstate commerce commissioner. He has been on his way to become ruler of interstate commerce, and that is no joke. Washington Star: Mr. Harriman's hint that he might apply for employment on the Interstate Commerce commission indicates that he does not appreciate the amount of work that is constantly being turned over to that body. Chicago Chronicle: Mr. Harriman's application for a job in case the Interstate Commerce commission takes charge of all the railroads shows that the railroad magnate is gradually becoming quite human. He jokes in friendly fashion and talks amiably to the reporters whom he formerly shunned. Eventually we may hope that he will rival Uncle Jim Hill, who is one of the most valued and fluent of contributors to the daily press. The man who cultivates the reporters seldom regrets it. Wall Street Journal: Yes, the Interstate Commerce commission will want Mr. Harriman, sure enough. The commission has just adjourned at the other side of the continent and will be here in New York February 25 to inquire into the Harriman merger. The "position" which Mr. Harriman facetiously referred to as rightfully coming to him from the Interstate Commerce commission will be a position in the witness chair. Mr. Harriman's position before the country will be largely determined by the testimony he gives. PERSONAL NOTES. Formosa's police chief is visiting New York. We trust he will inspect the metropolis with his two eyes shut tight. Last year there were manufactured in the United States 2,373,496 full sized cigars and 94,731,336 little ones. What clouds of comfort these figures indicate! President Roosevelt will deliver an oration at the dedication of the McKinley memorial at Canton, O., the last week in September. The exact date has not been fixed. An Ohio bachelor has inherited \$300,000.00 on condition that he will get married at his earliest convenience. If he makes any mistake concerning the girl he picks out it will be his own fault. William Brown McKinley of Illinois is said to be the wealthiest member of that state's delegation in Washington. He is a farmer as well as a banker, and has made his own way in the world. The university of Berlin sent Dr. Paul Herr to the United States some time ago to investigate systems of reforming minors, it being understood that America had gone further in the treatment of criminally refractory youth than other countries. Dr. Herr compresses the results of seven months' study in a book which has appeared, entitled "The Modern American Reformatory System." The author concludes from his wide survey that the American reformatories could hardly be surpassed, and he believes that the best features should be adopted by Germany. NOT only for the present need, but for future wear the price you'll pay here now for a suit or an overcoat means a saving of real dollars. Those who know our clothing best are first to appreciate these price reductions. An extra suit perhaps at small cost, or an extra trousers, or a new hat, shirts, underwear, scarfs, collars, all these things are best at Browning, King & Co R. S. WILCOX, Manager. How Much for \$190? If it's a Piano, and you buy at Hospe's, you get \$190 worth of piano—full measure. If You Pay \$250 you get a piano worth exactly \$60 more—its intrinsic value is that much more than the other one. And so on up the scale of prices. Each piano is marked with its unchangeable price—its value fixed before you come. You don't have to dicker and jockey and make offers in this store. So why should anyone take chances of buying a piano from a sliding price, commission paying dealer, where the same piano is sold at different prices, according to the bargaining ability of the customer or the commission to be paid to a third party. A. HOSPE CO. 1513 Douglas St.