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

Evidence is accumulating that the ground hog made a mistake. Life at Lincoln hotels is undoubtedly leading many a legislator into line with the anti-tipping bill.

General Kuropatkin assigns about every reason except Field Marshal Oyama for the defeat of Russia in the Russo-Jap war. Cuba expects Governor Mazon to do something for Cuba as soon as congress adjourns.

Kansas has a bill providing for municipal cemeteries. This looks like running a municipal ownership business into the ground. Eastern cities are making a good deal of fuss over the establishment of all night banks.

Mayor Jim put in his little plug at Lincoln on the charter amendment, but he made the mistake of securing only fusion opposition to changes proposed. More Indian lands in South Dakota are to be opened to settlement.

Dr. Wiley, the government chemist, is now assorting and labeling the various brands of disease germs that lurk in ice cream. The American Tariff commission has returned from Berlin, bringing a personally conducted expense account and report of progress.

A Wall street report says the clearings house banks 'lost \$12,000,000 last week.' The senate chamber at Washington is to be fire-proofed during the coming vacation. Congress has refused to pass a national child labor bill.

A London scientist predicts an earthquake for Illinois, but former Senator 'Billy' Mason and former Governor 'Dick' Yates may fool him by refusing to start anything. Mr. Cone of Saunders persists in allowing a partisan zeal to outrun his calmer judgment.

WHEN RAILROAD DOCTORS DISAGREE. The president, the congress and the state legislatures may reasonably be excused for falling to find a common ground for the solution of some of the vexed problems connected with the transportation interests of the country.

Mr. Hill, who was a railroad builder before he became a railroad manipulator, contends that the development of the transportation facilities of the country has not kept pace with the growth of business demanding such facilities.

Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Harriman may have grounds for their contention, but Mr. Hill supports his arguments by statistics, while Mr. Harriman contents himself with assertions.

When driven into the corner, however, the railroad representatives have been forced to admit publicly that it would make a great deal of difference to them if they were compelled under the proposed terminal tax bills to pay city taxes which they now evade.

The issue is therefore simplified into an effort on the part of the railroads to perpetuate an unjust and inexcusable condition by which they have for years succeeded in escaping their fair share of city taxes.

TAXING SPECULATION. The tax of 25 cents which the Missouri legislature has just levied on each transaction in commodities for future delivery on boards of trade or in bucket shops was undoubtedly suggested by the New York law specially taxing 2 cents a share on transfers of stocks.

The principle involved in special taxation of such dealings for future delivery, the great bulk of which are purely speculative has been fully vindicated by the courts.

The president received a number of valentines of the offensively comic variety. Some Sherlock Holmes should investigate and see if Senator Foraker has any ink on the left side of his big finger of his right hand.

Value of a Stiff Blind. Philadelphia Record. The Japanese have as much respect for other nations as they are in the habit of exacting for themselves.

Outgo and Income. Pittsburgh Dispatch. It does sound a little cynical for the news columns to report at the end of the week that John D. Rockefeller makes his big gift, that the prices of refined petroleum and its products are put up a half cent.

Greatest of Projected Reforms. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A politician's trust is about to be organized in Washington to control the prices of room and board during the meetings of congress.

Foreigners in American Trusts. Baltimore News. Federal indictments at Savannah against the alleged Turpin trust bring out the fact that Antwerp and London concerns were in the combination.

that the strong arm of law and order will simply continue to be represented by the American army and navy, instead of proposed strengthened native forces. The United States has assumed the obligation of protecting property and public order, and it was for this purpose that it reluctantly intervened and it will not and cannot rightfully leave the island until the continuance of such protection under native auspices is thoroughly assured.

Very little of the earth's surface remains unexplored. The late Mrs. Stavsky located her 'Mahatma Koot Hoot' in an oasis of the desert of Gobi, deeming that neighborhood pretty secure from the invasion of the curious.

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Up to the present the railroad lobbyists and publicity agents have insisted that terminal taxation for municipal purposes would simply transfer to the big cities taxes now paid by their roads into the treasuries of rural counties and school districts.

The service pension act just signed by the president has pleased officers and sailors of the Mexican and civil wars having reached the age of 72 years shall receive \$12 a month; 75 years, \$15; 78 years, \$20; the pension to commence from the date of filing the application.

Mingo Sanders' testimony is quite unlike any testimony obtained by Colonel Garlington or Major Blockson or Mr. Purdy. It is highly picturesque.

MAKING THE GOODS MOVE. A Merchant's Change from Window Signs to Newspaper Advertising. 'The Autobiography of a Business Man,' in Everybody's Magazine, recounts with rare simplicity the development of the business life of Tom Murray, a Chicago haberdasher, chief among the incidents of his career is the transition from window signs to newspaper advertising.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. The dominant note struck by the ministers on the reassembling of the British Parliament is a determination to 'deal' with the House of Lords. All other questions are necessarily subordinate to that of modifying or ending the veto power of hereditary legislators.

Penetrating a Mystery. Chicago Chronicle. Very little of the earth's surface remains unexplored.

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