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

Mr. Harriman says he will be sixty next year, but Mr. Fish thinks he is acting like that now.

If Dr. Wiley's assertion that whisky coagulates protoplasm is true, protoplasm ought to sign the pledge.

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The state of Nebraska is forty years young. Look out for dotings when it reaches the half-century milestone.

An Illinois man lost his mind because his salary was increased, but most of us are immune on that proposition.

When doctors disagree the patients will have to take their chances as to whether their malady is smallpox or chickenpox.

When a patron calls up on a telephone in Paris the girl at central says "I listened." In this country we take it for granted.

That Panama canal job would not last long if it were as easy to remove the dirt as it is to remove the members of the commission.

The president might put Senators Platt and Dewey at the head of the Panama canal enterprise. They have demonstrated that nothing can induce them to resign.

Senator Tillman has asked the president for all the facts about the Panama canal. Poultony Bigelow is the man to furnish Senator Tillman the kind of data he evidently wants.

It was Jay Gould, however, who was the originator of the plan of threatening to make Omaha a way station every time things did not go to suit the Union Pacific management.

The South Omaha city council should sit in a group for the photographer at once in order to accommodate the demand at Lincoln for a speaking likeness of its members.

George Ade is said to have ambition to represent Indiana in the United States senate. George would be a valuable man in helping get out a comic supplement for the Congressional Record.

"I was touched when I landed in New York," declared Ambassador Bryce—which merely shows that the ambassador has had the experience usual with foreigners landing in New York.

"When may a man kill another?" asks the Philadelphia Ledger. Not until he has secured a certificate from an expert alleghist that he is suffering from a brain storm and will be insane until the deed is done.

The railroads announce that they have cut buying steel. The steel mills announce that they have not another pound of railroad steel for sale and will not have for a year owing to their swamp of orders.

People in the state auditor's office seem to be puzzled why Douglas county prisoners sentenced to the state penitentiary should be held in the county jail invariably allowed by law the limit of the thirty days allowed by law. They evidently do not know all the ins and outs of working the jail-fencing graft as well as do the Douglas county sheriffs.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET.

President Roosevelt today entered upon the last half of his full term in office, with the principles he has championed in the ascendancy, and with the cordial and hearty support of his cabinet and a majority in each branch of the coming congress practically pledged and wholly willing to co-operate with him to advance those policies.

The cabinet, which will hold its first meeting with the president tomorrow, has been materially changed within the last few weeks, so much so that it is practically a new cabinet, although most of the members have seen cabinet service with the president and all, with the exception of Mr. Straus, have served in some capacity under Mr. Roosevelt's administration.

At the time of President McKinley's death, the cabinet was made up as follows: John Hay, secretary of state; Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury; Elihu Root, secretary of war; Philander C. Knox, attorney general; Charles Emory Smith, postmaster general; John D. Long, secretary of the navy; Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, and James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

Mr. Wilson is the only member of the cabinet of today who held the same position under President McKinley. At the end of the year in which Mr. McKinley died, Mr. Smith, the postmaster general, was succeeded by Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, who had been chairman of the republican national committee in the 1900 campaign.

No other change followed until in February, 1903, when the new department of Commerce and Labor was created and George B. Cortelyou, private secretary to Presidents Cleveland and McKinley and Roosevelt, was named to be the first head of the new department.

On July 1, 1904, Attorney General Knox became United States senator from Pennsylvania and Mr. Moody was promoted to be attorney general, resigning the portfolio of the navy to Paul Morton. At the same time Mr. Root resigned as secretary of war and was succeeded by William H. Taft, then governor of the Philippines.

Cortelyou retired from the department of Commerce and Labor to become chairman of the rehabilitation committee, his place going to Victor H. Metcalf, a congressman from California. Mr. Payne died on October 10, 1904, and Robert J. Wynne was appointed postmaster general, serving until March 4, 1905, when he became consul general to London and was succeeded as postmaster general by Mr. Cortelyou. Mr. Morton retired from the navy department on July 1, 1905, and was succeeded by Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland. Mr. Hay's death, in July, 1905, resulted in the president calling Elihu Root, the former secretary of war, to enter his cabinet again as secretary of state.

Last December Mr. Moody was named associate justice of the supreme court of the United States and Mr. Bonaparte, secretary of the navy, was made attorney general. Mr. Metcalf being transferred to the department of the Navy and being succeeded as secretary of the department of Commerce and Labor by Oscar S. Straus of New York. Mr. Shaw's resignation as secretary of the treasury has given Mr. Cortelyou that position, the third seat he has held in the president's cabinet, and Mr. Hitchcock's retirement from the interior department has been followed by the appointment of James R. Garfield, a son of the former president and Mr. Cortelyou's right hand man in the original organization of the department of Commerce and Labor.

George von L. Meyer, who has served as ambassador to Russia, becomes postmaster general, succeeding Mr. Cortelyou.

Notwithstanding all these changes, in the five and a half years that President Roosevelt has been chief executive his administration has been notably free from cabinet dissensions. The members of his official family have accorded him most cordial support in the advancement of policies that have been, from the old republican viewpoint, decidedly radical at times and the new cabinet may be relied upon to give him continued loyal and encouraging co-operation.

A REFRESHING INNOVATION.

That coroner investigating the wreck on the Harlem division of the New York Central in which twenty-three persons lost their lives and more than a hundred were injured must have had a real shock of surprise, if he has had previous experience in wreck investigations, when President Newmann of the New York Central voluntarily assumed a part of the responsibility for the accident and expressed anxiety to ascertain all the facts in order that he might fix the blame upon the proper department. He explained that he and other officials of the road had gone over the scene of the accident for a full day and with the one wrecked and had repaired the fatal curves a record of 37.7 miles per hour as called for in

THE SCHEDULE.

He was convinced the accident was not due to the speed but must rest with the electrical committee, the construction department or the department for maintenance of way.

President Newmann is to be commended for his active interest in this matter. It is decidedly unusual, to say the least, for high officials of a railroad company to lend aid and encouragement to the authorities in an effort to ascertain the causes and to fix the responsibility for railroad accidents. The custom has been to obstruct rather than lighten the work of the officers of the law in this direction.

ENLARGING THE SUPREME COURT.

The Nebraska legislature has several measures pending before it to enlarge the state supreme court. The urgent need for the reorganization of the court at the earliest possible moment need hardly be rected. For years the highest tribunal has been delegated in large part to a makeshift supreme court commission, whose work at best cannot possibly be satisfactory.

The Nebraska legislature has already rejected a scheme fathered by a bar committee for a court of seven judges, serving twelve-year terms at \$5,000 a year, with a complicated provision for minority representation. The disposition seems to be to enlarge the court to five or seven judges, with terms of five or seven years, so that one may be elected each year, with a reasonable increase of pay.

The Bee believes the seven-judge and seven-year-term plan is preferable and that the legislature should be liberal with reference to the salary. The supreme court enlargement, of course, can come only through a constitutional amendment, but by electing the additional judges at the same time that the amendment is submitted, similar to the method pursued last year in the matter of the new railway commission, the court could be reconstructed by January 1, 1909.

SECRETARY LOEB'S SALARY.

By an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill, the United States senate has increased the salary of the private secretary to the president of the United States from \$5,000 to \$5,500 per annum. Those at all familiar with the work of Mr. Loeb as the president's secretary will insist that he may accept the increase and still feel that he is underpaid.

Tom Patterson's Swan Song.

Senator Patterson of Colorado chose a very appropriate subject for a swan song when he launched out into an address in favor of the government ownership of railroads.

Effect of Limited Observation.

Henry James intimates that American women are poor talkers. The trouble with them is that the women only when he was on the platform and they had paid for the privilege of listening.

TIPS FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Schuyler Free Lance. It does look as if the legislature would do something along the line of people's legislation. This is the best legislature we have had for many a year, generally speaking, although a few scores are on the body.

Carleton Leader. The contemplative move to arrange the State Board of Equalization so as to leave Messrs. Eaton and Seale of the outside will meet with general approval we believe throughout the state. The general impression prevails, we think, that both of these gentlemen should have been left off of the ticket along with Mr. Grusha, I think.

Beatrice Sun. The World-Herald and other democratic papers are rather rubbing it in on the republicans because they have stolen the 2-cent plank from the democratic platform. As far as the people are concerned, it makes no difference where the idea originated, so long as it is a good thing and in the interest of the greatest number. There are a great many things that should have no political significance, and this is one of them.

Sterling Sun. The Nebraska legislature will probably do a good thing if they turn down the proposed child labor law. There are no factories and sweat shops in this state where children are employed to their detriment. It will be time enough to embellish the statutes with such a law when occasion shall suggest a necessity for it.

Geneva Signal. It is evident that the people of the state are still a good deal stirred up over railroad questions. Whenever the members of the legislature go out home for a few days to visit their families they meet up with a lot of constituents who may things to 'em. When they get back to Lincoln they begin to hurry right away. There was a marked change in the legislature last week on railroad questions.

Blair Courier. Two cents a mile for passenger fare in Nebraska. That is the verdict of both branches of the legislature without a dissenting vote, and it will be the verdict of Governor Sheldon we are sure. Not that there were not those in both house and senate who were opposed to the move, but when it came to a final vote they dared not stand against the measure for the people's approval.

According to Colonel Bryan, the country's prosperity is easily explained. Yes the country is prosperous because it has refused to follow Colonel Bryan's advice on political matters, and as a consequence Colonel Bryan is prosperous, too.

If the railroads are really determined to fight all the 2-cent fare laws, the fact that the Nebraska 2-cent fare bill has been passed with an emergency clause will in all probability make this state the arena for the first round.

The emperor of Germany wants to raise \$50,000,000 and is going to issue government bonds for the amount, as he is not skilled in the art of watering his railroad securities to meet emergencies.

Secretary Wilson says something must be done to keep the boys on the farm. There will be no difficulty in doing that if the secretary will first devise some plan of keeping the girls on the farm.

Secretary Shaw will not move his family to New York until he sees what the chances are for getting a four years' rent-free lease on the Washington house now occupied by Mr. Roosevelt.

In beginning his war on the weed nuisance on the first day of March, Health Commissioner Connell is surely proceeding on the theory of the early bird.

Among the elements that led to the fall of Arthur the quarreling among Russian great seems to ignore the conduct of the Japanese.

King Edward is busy revising the prayer book of the Church of England. There was a time when people would have doubted it if they had been told that Edward would ever take up such serious work.

Netress apparent to \$200,000 Senora Creel, wife of the New Mexico ambassador, is the richest woman of the diplomatic set in Washington, where many are rich. Enrique C. Creel, the ambassador, is far from poor, but his \$2,000,000 windfall to pauper insignificance when ranged beside his wife's huge fortune.

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The Auditor of Public Accounts of Nebraska

Examines, counts and verifies the securities and ledger assets, including registered bonds, mortgages, loans to policy holders, notes, cash and deposits in bank and deposits with the State of Nebraska, and certifies all correct. Also examines the annual statement, including income, disbursements, ledger assets and resources, and certifies all correct, and attaches his signature and official seal.

Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars Assets

The Official Certificate BANKERS RESERVE LIFE COMPANY OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Table showing INCOME DURING YEAR 1906. Columns include Premiums Collected, Interest Received on Invested Securities, Premiums Paid in Advance and Policy Fees, Total, and DISBURSEMENTS DURING YEAR 1906.

Table showing LEDGER ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 1906. Columns include Registered County, Municipal and School Bonds, First Mortgage Loans on Improved Real Estate, Loans to Policy Holders on Policies in Force, Renewal Premium Notes, Cash in Office, Cash in Banks to Credit of Company, Agents' Debit Balances, Total, and RESOURCES DECEMBER 31, 1906.

Table showing ASSETS NOT ADMITTED. Columns include Premiums Paid in Advance, Furniture and Fixtures, Total Admitted Assets, and LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1906.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the foregoing statement of the Bankers Reserve Life Company of Omaha, Nebraska, including income, disbursements, ledger assets and resources, as shown by the books of the Company December 31st, 1906, have been carefully examined and found correct by the State Examiners of Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused my official seal to be affixed at the City of Lincoln, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1907.

WESTERN POLICIES FOR WESTERN PEOPLE GUARANTEED BY WESTERN SECURITIES HAS BECOME A FIXED PRINCIPLE. BASCOM H. ROBISON, President

ODDITIES OF COMMERCE. Trade Features Resembling Swapping Jackknives. It is one of the queer things of our international trade that we send \$4,000,000 worth of automobiles to Europe and that Europe sends back \$2,000,000 worth of the same commodity to this country.

PERSONAL NOTES. Secretary Shaw evidently regards a little presidency in the hand as more valuable than a big one in the bush. Among the elements that led to the fall of Arthur the quarreling among Russian great seems to ignore the conduct of the Japanese.

CHICAGO NEWS. Die ain't no kid, I'm daffy over youse; You've got me goin', Mag, dat's on de square. I know a queen like you kin pick an' choose.

MERRY JINGLES. Benedick—My wife only weighed 120 pounds when I got her; how she weighs now. Bachelor—Well, well! I suppose every man desires to see his wife outgrow her.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD. According to Colonel Bryan, a man with brains enough to run a newspaper rarely makes money enough for the experiment. That is very curious, too, when you remember that everybody else on earth seems to know more about running the paper than the fellow who is making a bluff at it.

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