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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.

No street car strike in Omaha for the present.

Base ball players are in training. So are the rooters.

Paradoxically speaking, a closed primary means a wide-open primary.

Senator Spooner says he resigned in order to look out for his own interest. Also his own principal.

"A successful man has no chance these days," says Mr. Harriman. Then how does he happen to be successful?

Evelyn Thaw's hint that if her husband is convicted she will return to the stage ought to help the defense some.

These insurance laws propose reforms in about everything except the amount the policyholder has to pay in premiums.

If imported divorce suits continue to run amuck in Omaha courts, divorce importations from abroad may eventually cease.

The late congress passed a bill for the relief of A. Boose of South Carolina, who should be able now to live up to his name.

While Mrs. Eddy is reputed to be worth millions, she pays taxes on only a few thousands. Just another triumph of mind over matter.

Mr. Rockefeller says he is preparing a new rock for the country. It can not be an increase in the price of oil, for that no longer causes surprise.

If King Edward has engaged a special sleeping room in a hotel at Biarritz for his favorite Irish terrier, how close does that come to being a mollycoddle?

The closing days of congress were enlivened by Senator Platt's statement that no report of his resignation should be believed unless it came direct from the coroner.

The Filipino will have to go to work now. The government has made it easy for him to mortgage his farm and a mortgage on the farm is a great incentive to industry.

By adding 17,000,000 acres of public lands to the forest reserves, President Roosevelt has done much toward making it impossible for the timber thieves to yield to temptation.

The new federal judge in the district of Nebraska is posting up on his duties. The lawyers who are to practice before him will do well to post up a little on their duties as well.

Douglas county will have to have a new jail before many years. In the interval it is the part of economy to spend no more than necessary on the present county jail building.

Brazil, too, has ordered a battleship of the Dreadnaught type. Uncle Sam will not care if the lad becomes so popular as to relieve him of the necessity of acting as policeman for the Latin-American countries.

South Omaha has just gone through a strenuous primary contest to determine who should be school board candidates, the primary being followed up with a recount on demand of defeated competitors. For a job that carries no salary, membership in the South Omaha school board seems to be at a high premium.

HARRIMAN HARMONY.

The American people will have cause for rejoicing if Edward H. Harriman actually represents, as he intimates he does, the desire of the railway presidents and railway manipulators of the country to quit antagonizing the federal and state governments and to co-operate with them for the mutual benefit of the public and the railway owners. It may seem like a case of eleventh-hour repentance on the part of the railway managers, but there is accepted scriptural warrant for receiving the prodigal son and it is safe to assert that there will be no hesitancy in extending the hand of fellowship to Mr. Harriman and his associates if they proceed, with the usual zeal of new converts, to demonstrate by deeds the genuineness of their present professions.

With the ring of sincerity and admiration-provoking frankness, Mr. Harriman admits the truth of practically all the charges that have been made against the present day system of railroad operation, in which the rights and wishes of the public and the law-making powers have been ignored, scorned or openly opposed. "All of us," he says, "should have considered the possible effects of this agitation before it was begun or before conditions that made its growth possible were allowed to continue." He admits that if the railroads and the elected representatives of the people had met on common ground years ago and co-operated for mutual benefit no one would be worrying over the situation as it is today. None will deny the soundness of Mr. Harriman's contention on that point. Had the spirit which now apparently moves him always dominated the railroad managers of the country, there would have been no populist party, no rising tide of protest against railroad discrimination in business and railroad domination in politics that has finally given the transportation magnates a good wetting and threatened to submerge some of them. His blunt confession that "the railroad policy of the past has been a mistaken one" will be cheerfully accepted by the public, which has been aware of the fact for a long time.

Perhaps it were better, however, to refrain from taunting Mr. Harriman and his associates for having been so slow to recognize facts that seem to have escaped none but themselves. Mr. Harriman's assertion that he is "ready to make the advance in a scheme of co-operation between the government and the railways my chief interest," may be accepted as an earnest of good intentions, the redemption of which will depend on him and his associates. The American people, individually and in representative bodies, are patient and long suffering, slow to anger, mighty when aroused, but quick to forgive when its wrongs are righted. If Mr. Harriman makes a determined and vigorous start on the promised journey toward railroad reform the public will meet him half way.

FRANCE'S THREAT OF TARIFF WAR.

The cabled announcement that the executive branch of the French government is preparing to enforce its maximum tariff rates on American products not specifically exempted by existing agreements appears, in the light of recent developments at Washington, to be a move on the diplomatic chess board, rather than a threatened tariff war. The cabled statement is to the effect that the maximum tariff rates will be applied on American products unless congress at once ratifies the reciprocity treaty with France that has been hidden in a senate pigeon hole for several years, or unless Secretary of State Root gives the French government some assurance that the treaty will soon be ratified.

PROMOTING PREDATORY CORPORATIONS.

Some states, like Delaware, shamelessly issue circulars and pamphlets offering cheap facilities for organizing corporations under laws which hold no one responsible. New Jersey is another partner in a thousand similar schemes, and it has not even the poor excuse of poverty. Maine and West Virginia are two notorious sinners. No state has a moral right to issue these predatory charters. If the work continues and scandal after scandal appears, some way will be found to raise a national veto which would be for the states to have sound corporation laws. The worst way would be by federal action.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

President Roosevelt made a notable record in sending thirty-seven messages to the second session of congress.

ABUSING PENSION LIBERALITY.

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THE FIFTY-NINTH CONGRESS MADE TWO RECORDS.

The Fifty-ninth congress made two records—one for legislation, the other for appropriations. At its first session it passed the rate bill, the pure food bill, the meat inspection bill, the free alcohol bill and others of lesser importance. At its second session it passed appropriation bills aggregating \$213,000,000.

SMOOTH AND EXPEDITIOUS.

The smooth and dispatch with which the president added those 100,000 acres of forest land in the national reservations must be a source of delight to all who appreciate the magician's trick of "now you see it and now you don't."

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The sweeping overthrow of the progressive or municipal ownership party in the election for members of the London county council is generally regarded as a blow, while local questions were controlling influences in the rout of the party in power, the Tories hail the result as a demonstration of revulsion of the national sentiment, which returned the liberal party to power by an overwhelming majority. Increased local taxation rendered necessary by vast and varied public improvements and the usual accusations of extravagance embittered the tax paying classes. The coincidence of the pocketbook was rudely touched and the tax payers became a unit against the authors of increased taxation.

TROUBLE IN THE FUSION CAMP.

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