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WHEN OUT OF TOWN

Kansas has refused to erect a statue to John Brown, who doesn't need one.

With the Ohio river cutting such capers, the Big Muddy flowing past Omaha is a model of good behavior.

Senator LaFollette, who has been quite ill in Washington, has been recovering ever since Senator Spooner sent in his resignation.

"Men will go to hell for a woman," exclaimed Dr. Madison C. Peters. Possibly, but not so long as the present splendid supply on earth lasts.

"Bridge what is a disease," says Mrs. John A. Logan. It is to be presumed its symptoms are first shown by trouble in the pocket nerves.

The "Blind Boss" of Rhode Island seems to be a little deaf, too, as he does not appear to hear what the governor of the state is saying about him.

Mr. Harriman is said to be passionately fond of all kinds of fruits. The impression prevails that he does not swallow anything in that line except watermelons.

The coal case record now stands one conviction and one acquittal—unless the supreme court should reverse the finding in the case in which a conviction was secured.

South Omaha has a new police board bearing commissions from Governor Sheldon. It remains to be seen how firmly the new commissioners will sit upon the lid.

Jim Corbett asks the country to think of him only as an actor and to forget that he was ever a pugilist. The country will find it easier to forget that he was ever an actor.

Omaha's new street sign ordinance should be enforced and it should be followed up also by a bill-board ordinance likewise designed to contribute to civic beauty.

A burglar broke into the home of a life insurance president in New York the other night and, after a desperate struggle, succeeded in making his escape without being robbed.

A California attorney is said to have carried a continuous jag for three years. He is probably the one man in the state who kept in good spirits through the earthquake troubles.

The American minister to Nicaragua has tried the experiment of licking the president of the republic. Wouldn't there be fun if some foreign minister to Washington should try that plan?

Omaha police captains have had their pay raised by legislative mandate. Now, if we can only cut out the county jail feeding graft, we may have something in the way of equalization.

As the big boss of the Burlington, "Jim" Hill ought to do something handsome for Representative Wilson. Such subject subservience as that exhibited by the Custer county man entitles him to promotion to the ranks of the salaried railroad lobbyists for service at future Nebraska legislatures.

The Nebraska legislature ought to have enacted its anti-pass law with the emergency clause a month ago. Had it done so, the members would not have been besieged by so many visiting "prominent citizens" beseeching them to go back on their platform pledges in order to help out the tax-shrinking railroads.

THE SLUMP IN WALL STREET.

The country is viewing with comparative unconcern, if not with amusement, the panic in Wall street stocks, due, it is solemnly announced, to the nervousness of stock market traders as to the attitude of the national administration toward railroad corporations.

The excitement due to this slump in market quotations on securities is confined to Wall street. The rest of the country, if deprived of telegraphic communications, would know little about it. The decline does not mean a shrinkage in the output or value of any of the great industries.

The stock panic is not due to unfavorable conditions in the true business of railroading. The railroads are hauling more merchandise than ever before at this season of the year and their gross earnings are at the highest figures ever touched.

AN ARGUMENT AGAINST DISARMAMENT. While peace conferences and inter-parliamentary unions may proceed with their deliberations and suggestions touching the advisability of reducing the naval strength of the nations with a view to final universal disarmament, a financial factor which can not be overlooked has just been injected into the problem and is certain to complicate it.

James Gayley, the first vice president of the Steel trust, has offered the new feature for consideration by notifying the naval authorities at Washington that his company will have to have contracts for 15,000 tons of armor plate annually or be compelled to shut down its armor plate mills and throw thousands of skilled workmen out of employment.

THE FARMERS' VELVET. If the government sources of revenue were to be instantly cut off with the appropriations for federal expenses for the coming year, amounting to \$776,662,000, the farmers of the country could make up the amount and have about \$100,000,000 left by their selling at prevailing market prices their wheat, corn and oats left over from last year's crops.

Omaha business men want to remember that most of the prejudice against Omaha and Omaha business interests in the present legislature has been deliberately worked up by the paid emissaries of the same railroads that are soliciting their traffic day by day.

Now is the time for the Federation of Improvement Clubs to get busy with a program for bettering the appearance of the city. Let the im-

will represent his profits for the year's toll. "Old wheat in the bin" is a former synonym for surplus, and this year he has more "old wheat in the bin" than ever before.

The figures also are significant in their relation to the business of the railroads, whose presidents and managers are now in the dumps. The wheat, corn and oats reserves yet to be marketed aggregate 1,898,105,000 bushels, which, with the live stock, hay and other farm products, ought to be sufficient to keep a few of the railroad cars of the country busy for some weeks at least and prevent the industrial smash from coming on all of a sudden.

In a new interview Mr. Harriman elaborates on the past mistakes of the railroads in failing to keep in touch with the public. "The railroads have left to lawyers and subordinate," he says, "their dealing with legislators."

Irrespective of the attitude of the legislature on the question of constitutional amendments, it should not overlook the duty it owes to itself to submit an amendment readjusting the salary of the governor and making it legal for him to occupy the executive mansion without any judicial hair-splitting.

Higher Rank Worthily Won. Reporting special trust and confidence in the gallantry, patriotism and ability of Lieutenant James Carroll—and the words have seldom been more fittingly employed—the president has promoted him to be a major in the service.

IOWA'S FAVORITES. Presidential Preferences of Members of the Legislature. Boston Transcript. To the presidential preferences of the republican members of the Iowa legislature considerable significance attaches.

SWAPPING SECURITIES. Large Leaks in the Tanks of Watered Stock. Chicago Chronicle. It is estimated that there has been a shrinkage of \$2,500,000,000 in the aggregate market value of the securities on the New York Stock exchange as compared with last September of January, 1907.

Frank Rockefeller, a brother of John D., has brought suit to recover \$268,000 which he was led to invest in a Joplin sine mine by false pretenses. It is going to be difficult to convince a man from Joplin that it is any crime to skin a Rockefeller.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. Attempts have been made from time to time to engage with legal restrictions the abilities of promoters in England and France.

The attorney who secured a divorce for Anna Gould Castellani from Count Boni has pressed a bill for \$175,000 for his services. The bill seems a large one, but the countless probably will decide that it was well worth it.

St. Patrick's day comes this year on Sunday, greatly to the relief of the lion, Mike Lee, who would otherwise be expected to provide a celebration that would match his famous effort of two years ago.

Climbing Down. Philadelphia Press. Of course, if the corporation oven has come down, Uncle Sam won't have to shoot, and may lower his gun.

Borrowing Trouble. Washington Post. The Filipino may think he has had troubles heretofore, but now that the government has made it easy for him to mortgage his farm he will soon be up against the real thing.

Results Unchanged. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Most of the money distributed by the insurance companies to the campaign of 1906 has been restored.

Copper Rivets a Seat. Philadelphia Record. The copper captain of Montana, Senator William A. Clark, who retired on March 4, will have for a successor the copper captain, Gugenheim of Colorado.

Joins at the Water Tank. Philadelphia Record. According to stock market measurement there has been a shrinkage of \$1,695,420,000 in the value of railway and industrial shares in the last six months.

Indecisive Proverbs. Boston Transcript. Many a popular proverb offers another of equal hold on the public mind, leaving the testimony from this source indecisive.

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The first thing Chief Secretary Birrell bumped against when he took up the reins of government in Ireland was the entrenched bureaucracy in Dublin castle. The system is a link of Russian autocracy.

Now that General Botha is at the head of the recovered ministry, it is interesting to recall what he said before he entered upon office. In a statement, meant for publication in England, he declared: "British supremacy will be safer in the hands of the Boers than in those of cosmopolitan capitalists."

The "great wave of prosperity that is now felt in all the leading manufacturing and trading countries of the world, duplicates in Germany most of the features seen in America," says a writer in Moody's Magazine.

The superiority of Europe's postal facilities over American is sharply illustrated by Harold Boice in Appleton's Magazine. "I had occasion at Budapest," he writes, "to send a registered letter."

It does not follow that the rich are much poorer. If they have been swapping dogs among themselves and marking up the nominal prices of the animals marking them down again does not diminish their assets materially, because the dogs are just the same and worth as much as ever.

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Advertisement for Royal Baking Powder. The Careful Housewife uses no other. Absolutely Pure. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

POLITICAL DRIFT. Wallcut is the name of a democratic candidate for alderman in St. Louis. If he is a fat one and rightly handed his election is a cinch.

Managers of railroads entering Baltimore informed leaders of the municipal campaign now under way that the custom of contributing to the campaign fund will be cut out this time.

A BUNCH OF SMILES. He leaned over her tenderly. "I would give anything to possess your hand," he sighed.

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