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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.

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

With the Ohio river cutting such Omaha is a model of good behavior. purposes are having the water squeezed subordinates" have only mocked.

Senator LaFollette, who has been 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 whist is a disease," says Mrs. John A. Logan. It is to be presumed its symptoms are first shown by trouble in the pocket nerves.

does not appear to hear what the gov-

ately fond of all kinds of fruits. The to complicate it. 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 escape without being robbed.

A California attorney is said to have \$776,662,000, the farmers of the countrom the great railroad corporation carried a continuous jag for three try could make up the amount and passing through its limits. No wonyears. 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, handsome for Representative Wilson. each at 40 cents, the sale of the sur-Such abject subserviency as that ex- plus grain supply of the country would hibited by the Custer county man en produce a fund aggregating \$817,637. titles him to promotion to the ranks 200, which must be accepted as repreof the salaried railroad lobbyists for senting the farmers' velvet from the service at future Nebraska legislatures. | cereal harvests of the last year.

shirking retiroads.

THE SLUMPIN WALL STREET

tions." Within the past five months has been made in railway stocks in posits instead of paying interest on his Lially correct. the last five years has been apparently debts. lost. On the heels of Mr. Harriman's The figures also are significant in recent admissions of wrong doing on their relation to the business of the

the part of railway managers and the railroads, whose presidents and manarrangement for a conference between agers are now in the dumps. The railroad managers and President wheat, corn and oats reserves yet to Roosevelt, a report from Washington be marketed aggregate 1,899,105,000 that the president had not in any de- bushels, which, with the live stock, gree changed his attitude on the rail- hay and other farm products, ought to road question started a panic which led be sufficient to keep a few of the railto a rush to sell which has not been equaled since the remarkable break in weeks at least and prevent the indus-Northern Pacific securities a few years trial smash from coming on all of a

in market quotations on securities is farmers are not committing suicide the country, if deprived of telegraphic call loans and why the public gencommunications, would know little arally refuses to shudder when the a shrinkage in the output or value of points in the speculative value of some any of the great industries. While undigested security. stock gamblers were watching the ticker and seeing securities shrink, Mr. Harriman gave out an interview that 'the railroads now have more business than they can handle," and every section of the country, outside of Wall street, is complaining because of a lack of men, a dearth of material for building purposes, a shortage of cars needed for the transportation of prodnots and a general hampering by lack of facilities necessary for properly handling increased business.

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. While net earnings may show reductions in some cases, due to the increased cost of still higher than a year ago. The the railway and other securities manout of them and the process is being accomplished so far without serious

quite ill in Washington, has been re- damage to the public or to the councovering ever since Senator Spooner try, "The attitude of the national administration," which so concerns Wall street, is not different from the attitude of the people, both of whom have overlook the duty it owes to itself to learned to distinguish between legiti- submit an amendment readjusting the mate business and artificial stock jobbing.

> AN ARGUMENT AGAINST DISARMAMENT While peace conferences and interparliamentary unions may proceed with their deliberations and sugges-

The "Blind Boss" of Rhode Island tions touching the advisability of reseems to be a little deaf, too, as he ducing the naval strength of the nations with a view to final universal ernor of the state is saying about him. disarmament, a financial factor which can not be overlooked has just been Mr. Harriman is said to be passion- injected into the problem and is certain

> James Gayley, the first vice president of the Stoel 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. Mr. Gayley's argument appears to be unanswerable. Warships are worthless unless equipped with armor plate and to get it the purchaser must buy enough to keep the mills going all the time. Even the Steel trust, with a little surplus of \$100,000,000, could not afford to equip expensive armor plate mills and run them only when the government should happen to want a few yards of

in the construction of a battleship.

THE FARMERS' VELVET.

If the government sources of reve struggle, succeeded in making his nue were to be instantly cut off with the appropriations for federal expenses for the coming year, amounting to have about \$100,000,000 left by sim- der the railroads object to any law ply selling at prevailing market prices which will make them pay city and their wheat, corn and oats jeft over village taxes on their property on the from last year's crops. This surplus, same basis as other property. as shown by the March report of the Department of Agriculture, is the largest in the country's history and constitutes convincing proof of the soundness of the real basis of the nation's present prosperity.

The Agricultural department's bulletin shows that the farmers are now holding as a reserve stock 206.644.000 bushels of the 1907 wheat crop, 1,298,-000,000 bushels of corn and 384,461,-000 bushels of oats. With wheat at "Jim" Hill ought to do something 70 cents a bushel and corn and oats

The farmer's methods of operation The Nebraska legislature ought to are pretty much the same the country have enacted its anti-pass law with over. He citings to his cash in the bank the emergency clause a month ago. and almost invariably disposes of Had it done so, the members would enough of his crop at the earliest posnot have been besieged by so many sible moment to pay the expenses of visiting "prominent citizens" beseech- growing and harvesting. With these ing them to go back on their platform | items of cost out of the way, he waits of Improvement Ciubs to get busy just the same and worth as much as ever pledges in order to help out the tax- for a favorable market before dispos- with a program for bettering the ap- which is not likely to stand the test of the gether with the government inside the rail-

parative unconcern, if not with amuse- farmer synonym for surplus, and this or consent of the mayor and council. ment, the panic in Wall street stocks, year he has more 'old wheat in the due, it is solemnly announced, "to the bin" than ever before. No importunervousness of stock market traders nate attorney is writing to him to as to the attitude of the national ad- hurry up and sell his stuff to pay the this winter, "Lumber King," Weyerministration toward railroad corpora- interest on that mortgage, but on the contrary he is, in many cases, drawing over a fourth of the advance which interest from the bank on his de-

road cars of the country busy for some sudden. Study of the figures may also The excitement due to this slump explain to the high financiers why the about it. The decline does not mean ticker records a decline of a dozen

CALL THEM OFF. 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 subordinates," he says, "their dealing with legislatures. They and the people were not taken into full and free confidence—a policy which must be changed."

M Mr. Harriman is sincere in his wish to change this mistaken policy let him recall from Lincoln the disreputcific railroad, which has been camped given by the people at the polls. out there since the first of January, endeavoring to corrupt and manipulate our lawmakers away from their plain path of duty. Let him make an attempt through responsible officers of his road to co-operate with the govlabor and materials, the average is ernor and legislature and he will find that they are reasonable men, intent shrinkage is ascribable to the fact that not on injuring his property, but on redressing long suffered grievances of capers, the Big Muddy flowing past ipulated in Wall street for speculative the people, at which his "lawyers and

Call them off.

A LEGISLATIVE DUTY. Irrespective of the attitude of the legislature on the question of constitutional amendments, it should not mansion without any judicial hairsplitting. The supreme court may or tion against perquisites of office. Neconstitution.

Some of the fawmakers profess a reluctance to submit needed constitutional amendments under pretense of excessive cost of publishing them in the newspapers. While this excuse is grossly exaggerated, we feel sure that to do the governor justice every newspaper in Nebraska would willingly print the amendments as relishers throughout the state to give

a square deal at the hands of the people whom he serves.

armor plate to match that being used The fact that no objection will be entered to the probate of the will of Evidently, the only way to keep the late John A. Creighton must not armor plate mills going is to keep on be taken to mean that there will be building new battleships. The pro- no contest over the division of the posed international peace conference millions. The lawyers will not let a at The Hague may as well be called off. chance like that get past them, unless there is more in it for them to keep hands off than to butt in.

One incorporated village in Ne-

Omaha business men want to remember that most of the prejudice interests in the present legislature has and next as the head of the ticket? been deliberately worked up by the haid emissaries of the same railroads that are soliciting their traffic day by Large Leaks in the Tanks

Congressmen spoke 9,000,000 words and appropriated \$1,000,000,000 at market value of the securities on the New the short session of congress. If con- York Stock exchange as compared with gressional words are going to cost \$11 each, the country may find it neces the holders of the securities which have sary to send a bunch of deaf mutes to suffered the most of this shrinkage. The the national legislature.

Frank Rockefeller, a brother of John \$265,000 which he was led to invest in a Joplin zine mine by false pretenses. It is going to be difficult to any crime to skin a Rockefeller.

ing of the share of the product that pearance of the city. Let the im- courts.

will represent his profits for the year's provement clubs do some improving The country is viewing with com- toll. "Old wheat in the bin" is a themselves without waiting for the ald

> Aside from the fact that he has not been away from his home in St. Paul hauser says that story of his being kidnaped from a train in California and held for ransom may be substan-

The attorney who secured a divorce for Anna Gould Castellane from Count Boni has press .ed a bill for \$175,000 for his services. The bill seems a large one, but the countess probably will de- liament passed an act designed to protect cide that it was well worth it.

The price of groceries, Easter bonnets and other necessaries of life is the best assurance that the Woman's Christian Temperance union is mistaken in its prediction that polygamy will soon spread all over the country.

St. Patrick's day comes this year on Sunday, greatly to the relief of the confined to Wall street. The rest of because of Wall street's high rate for Hon. 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 coon has ome down. Uncle Sam won't have to

Borrowing Trouble. Washington Post.

shoot, and may lower his gun.

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 contributed by the in surance companies to the campaign of 1904 has been restored. This was accomplished, able lobby representing the Union Pa- fortunately, without disturbing the verdict

Philadelphia Record. The edpper captain of Montana, Senator William A. Clark, who retired on Marc' captain, Guggenheim of Colorado. In going to the senate both lose the opportunity of being undistinguished except for the

> Jolts at the Water Tank. Philadelphia Record.

According to stock market measuresment in the value of railway and industrial 500 were satisfactorily dealt with. shares in the last six months. Notwith standing this squeezing process, there appears to be no serious sinckening in the valume of current or projected legitimate to recall what he said before he entered

Indecisive Proverbs. Boston Transcript. Many a popular proverb offsets another salary of the governor and making it of equal hold on the public mind, leaving legal for him to occupy the executive the testimony from this source indecisive. For example, former Senator Patterson of Colorado, in appearing for himself before fairs. Having got free government, our the supreme court, recently, recalled the natural desire is, and our sole endeavor may not decide that free rent is in- old adage that "a lawyer who argues his cluded in the constitutional prohibi- own case has a foot for a client." To this Chief Justice Fuller responded by quoting a saying which he attributed to Lincoln, of peace. I then solemnly accepted your braska has the executive mansion, that "If you want a thing done well, do it king and your flag. They are now our which it wishes to be at the disposal yourself." Lincoln may have expressed the king and our flag. People talk about our of the governor, and it should-make ides in this way, but it is an old one hostility to the mines. There is no su it possible for him to occupy it with- Standish the words, "I should have rememout violating the plain reading of the bered the adage. If you would be well served, you must serve yourself."

> Higher Rank Worthily Won Detroit Free Press.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the gallantry, patriotism and ability of Lieutenant James Carroll-and the words have seldom been more fittingly employedthe president has promoted him to be a major in the service. Major Carroll is the hero of one of the greatest battles of this of admiringly and prove an inspiration to quired by law free of cost. So far as patriotic sacrifice perhaps after Shafter and The Bee is concerned, it would gladly Kouropatkin and Dewey and Kuroki and join with the other newspaper pub. Roberts and Togo have been forgotten. In the great battle against yellow fever that succeeded much lesser battles in Cuba the advertising space needed for this Major Carroll was one of those who subpurpose, if that is the sticking point. jected himself to mosquito infection to test The governor of the great state of the truth of the now satisfactorily demon Nebraska, whoever he may happen to strated theory of the origin of the deadly scourge. He has in consequence been in be and whatever his political affilia- III health ever since. May he live to wear tions, is entitled to a decent salary and the star which General Leonard Wood, General John L. Pershing, General Fred greater deserts.

IOWA'S FAVORITES.

Presidential Preferences of Members of the Legislature. Boston Transcript.

To the presidential preferences of the republican members of the Iowa legislaure considerable significance attaches. Seventy-five are for Roosevelt, seven for Cummins, five for Shaw, four for Taft and one for Root. Ninetsen of these Roosevelt men named him as their second choice also, indicating that they would consider nobody else. What will happen braska last year collected the munifi- if a year from now, as the preparations cent sum of \$6.73 as village taxes for the conventions are pearing, the republican party throughout the country lines up as this lows legislature has done? The democrats are apparently ready to nominate Bryan, even though the motive for pushing him as a means of eliminating Hearst has practically ceased to be im pelling. Are the American people losing carning more than ever before." their originality? Can democrats think of no one except Bryan? Are the republicans sure they have no other suitable candidate except the one whem in two political campaigns already they have made a central agine. against Omaha and Omaha business figure, first as a vice presidential nomine

SWAPPING SECURITIES.

Watered Stock Chicago Chronicle

It is estimated that there has been a shrinkage of \$2,500,000,000 in the aggregate last September or January, 1906.

It is believed that large capitalists are reason for this belief is that during the period in which the shrinkage has on curred the general public has held aloof because of the life insurance exposures D., has brought suit to recover and because of the apprehensions as to the effect upon railroad and other securi-

It does not follow that the rich are much convince a man from Joplin that it is poorer. If they have been swapping dogs ries the money to the house, and even to among themselves and marking up the the room of the addressee." nominal prices of the animals marking them down again does not diminish their Now is the time for the Federation assets materially, because the dogs are

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Attempts have been made from those to time to envelope with legal restrictions the lie abilities of promoters in England and France. Every time a large swindle is pulled off the authorities and the lawmakers strive to console the victims with balter of the comeons. Some little progress in this direction has been made in the two centuries since the famous South Sea bubble, but not enough to warrant congratulations of success. History shows that the foxy promoter of crooked schemes is leagues in advance of the legal hounds. and when the latter surround an expected path the former seeks and usually finds " new route to the purses of the guilible and greedy. Seven years ago the British Parinvestors by requiring from promoters a full statement of profits in company prospectuses and by imposing on directors responsibility for the truth of statements made in a prospectus. Experience since then proved that the law is defective and did not seriously restrict the talents of promoters in fabricating misleading and deceptive prospectuses. It is now proposed to amend the law by providing that prospectuses must be published in one or more newspapers. A law of similar purport became operative in France on March This law requires promoters before of fering shares for sale to insert in an official bulletin detailed information about the project. Such notice must bear the signatures of those who offer the shares for sale; who must be domiciled in France and in all prospectuses, advertisements, etc., reference must be made to the number of the bulletin where such official statement is made.

The first thing Chief Secretary Birrell bumped against when he took up the rains of government in Ireland was the entrenched bureaucracy in Dublin castle. The system is a link of Russian autocracy It is not responsible to the British Parliament and is really a separate government for Ireland of the most odious and irresponsible kind. Dublin Castle is the center of a series of bureaus or boards, sixty-seven lines. The sum was forgotten interest on of them, composed of a host of grafters state moneys placed in a favored bank. with enormous salaries, not subject to any revision or control directly. The £7,500,000 that goes to the civil government of Ireland goes into these hands, and £3,000,000 of it remains with them as salaries, making it does not refer to crimes committed by Ireland the most expensive government in the world, while every need and expressed wish of the people is mocked at and starved. Every little bit of business between the people and the government has to go through Dublin Castle, and by the 4. will have for a successor the copper time the 'particular set of boards that each particular bit of business must go through is consulted and heard from there is no money nor time left for the business. wealth by which they purchased their These are the obstacles Mr. Birrell must meet and deal with. Some of these highsalaried, hair-splitting, time-killing boards have stood between the people and the land act, so that in three years and a half. since the land act passed, of 6,680 evicted there has been a shrinkage of \$1.693,420,000 | tenant cases brought before them less than of either party attempt to hold us up they

> Now that General Botha is at the head of the Transvaal ministry, it is interesting upon office. In a statement, meant for pubsupremacy will be safer in the hands of the Boers than in those of cosmopolitan capitalists. The questions of the flag and of supremacy have been settled for all time They are both now outside politics. We are now concerned with our domestic afwill be, to so govern that the country shall prosper and the two races be drawn to gether. At Vereeniging I signed the treaty We simply object to the men at bridge,-Baltimore American hostility. who run the mines also running the country. Had I wished ill to the mining industry as such, I had the fullest opportunity during the war of wrecking the works along the Witwatersrand reef. I recognized then the wishest control of the winest for who run the mines also running the counthat my people must look to the mines for help, and, as I protected the mines then, so shall I see that they are not injured now. This talk of wholesule Chinese expatriation regardless of consequences is nonsense. I say emphatically that nothing shall be done to embarrass the mines so far as unskilled labor is concerned. We want to pursue a just and liberal policy. It is an accepted principle that English shall be the compulsory language. As regards education generally, we are prepared to work on the basis of the compromise which was reached fifteen months ago by the representatives of the Volgites and the official representatives of the government."

"The great wave of prosperity that is ow 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 Funston and others now wear with no Magazine. There is the same general advance in commodity prices, with a corresponding reduction in the price of cheap government and other bonds; the same general advance in the wages of labor, attended by a demand for workmen far beyoud the ability of the country to supply; the same heavy movement of goods on the railways of the country, lending to an extraordinary scarcity of cars; the same expansion in the export and import trade; the same activity in financial operations; the biggest turnover in the business of the banks ever known; the largest volume of checks passing through the clearing houses. Shipping companies are earning more money than ever before from the large commercial movement and the unparalleled emigration, and shipyards are turning out more tonnage than in any previous period of their existence. In the various manufacturing industries of the country there is scarcely a branch that is not working at the fullest capacity and

The superiority of Europe's postal facilities over American is sharply illustrated by Harold Boice in Appleton's Mag-"I had occasion at Budapest," he writes, "to send a registered letter. In atead of having to wait for a clerk to copy the superscription and hand me a receipt. I had simply to show the letter properly stamped, and then drop it in mechanical contrivance, which imm issues a receipt card, automatically dated and numbered. It makes the system of registering a letter in Hungary as simple as dropping a piece of mail in a letter box in America. I desired to test this innovation, and so I mailed a letter in Budapest addressed to myself in a hotel at Munich. Two hours later I took the train to the Bavarian capital, and the day after I arrived in the hotel I received word that there was a registered letter for me at the postoffice. The German system of postal money orders is far superior, it seems t me, to the American. You hand the money into a German postoffice, give the address ties of agitation and legislation against of the person to whom it is to be sent, and walk away with the receipt. That ends your responsibility. The government car-

> Too Much of a Good Thing. New York Evening Post, Evidently Harriman wants the government and the railroads to lie down to



POLITICAL DRIFT.

Wallett is the name of a democratic can didate for alderman in St. Louis. If he is a fat one and rightly handled his election is a cinch.

A Pittsburg alderman has honored the penitentiary by taking up his residence there for three years. The jury called his trouble bribery.

The commission investigating the case of Pennsylvania's state capitol building scooped in \$27,000 at the first throw of its Out in the state of Washington a member of the legislature has introduced a

bill to prohibit the newspapers from publishing reports of all sort of crimes but legislatures. One of a group of Pennsylvania traveling men who are boosting a third term for Roosevelt sent word to the president

that they were his to command. Under date of March 6 Secretary Loeb replied that the president "has nothing to add to his statement issued on the night of his election, 1904." Managers of railroads entering Balti

the corporations says: "If the politicians will be sadly disappointed." Nearly 200 representative republicans of the Nineteenth congressional district in northern Ohio recently dined together at Niles. Judge Roberts of the common pleas bench made a savage attack upon Senator

lication in England, he declared: "British Foraker's course in opposing President Roosevalt, and predicted that the next republican standard bearer would be William Howard Taft, Judge Wanamaker of Akron thanked his associate of the same bench for giving expression "to the thoughts we all feel, but have cowardly held back."

A BUNCH OF SMILES.

"I would give anything to possess your hand," he sighed.
"Thank you, but I will keep it for myself," she answered.
For she was winning everything in sight

"You said a number of good things in your congressional speeches."
"Yes," answered the statesman, "I think that the material I tried out has yielded what fur.

about all I need for my summer lecture tour."-Washington Star.

"The tenor." said the first vestryman, "has the vulgar habit of finding fault with the other singers."

"'Vulgar' seems a rather strong adjective," remarked the other, "it's a common habit to acquire."—Philadelphia Press.

"Ruggles, do you know you can effect a good deal of a saving merely in the matter of sifting your coal ashes?"
"You bet I do. I've saved myself a good deal of time and a lot of nasty work by not sifting mine."—Chicago Tribune.

"My next door neighbor is always looking ahead for trouble."
"For example?"
"Well, this morning I saw him sharpening his lawn mower."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Where are your government whips in this parliamentary struggle?" asked the English statesman of the Russian grand duke.

"The Cossacks have got 'em," he an-swered, grimly.—Baltimore American.

"Do you thing Hamiet was afflicted with a brain storm?"
"No," answered the eminent actor; "my,
observation is that Hamlet suffers less from brain-storm than from barn-storm. Washington Star,

DOWNFALL OF BILL.

James Barton Adams.

more informed leaders of the municipal campaign now under way that the custom of contributing to the campaign fund will be cut out this time. An official of one of the contribution of the campaign fund will breast.

To think the boy whose future I had once so proudly planned Should wander from the path of right an' come to sich an end' I told him when he left us not three short years ago, He'd find himself a-plowin' in a mighty crooked row-He'd miss his father's counsel, an' his

> I know that's big temptation for a young-ster in the West. But I believed our Billy had the courage to An' when he left I warned him of the ever An' when he left I warned him of the ever waitin' snares
> That He like hidden sarpints in life's pathway everywheres.
> But Hill he promised faithful to be keerful, an' allowed
> He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud;
> But it seems as how my counsel sort o' faded from his mind,
> An' now the boy's in trouble o' the ver An' now the boy's in trouble o' the very

His letters came so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed

That Billy was a-tramping on a mighty rooky road.

But nover once imagined he would bow my head in shame.

An' in the dust 'd waller his ol' daddy's honored name. honored name.

He writes from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short;

I just can't tell his mother, it'll crush her poor of heart!

An' so I reckoned, parson, you might break the news to hear. honored name

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