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

Canine talk in Omaha: "Is my muzzle on straight?"

Reports from the south are that the birds and base ball teams have started north.

If bridge whist is a disease, as now claimed, the doctors ought to begin cutting it out.

The Mafco trust has managed to scratch a \$300,000 surplus out of its business for the last year.

Of course Mr. Hearst has left the democratic party. It was all he could do after trying unsuccessfully to take it with him.

Perhaps Walter Meese feels offended that he was not asked by the governor to procure that missing police board resignation for him.

Quarantine officials at Colon showed Speaker Cannon some of the disadvantages of standing pat when a man wants to get ahead.

South Omaha is plastered all over with injunctions, but no injunction has been issued yet to prevent the people voting for consolidation with Omaha.

Boston reports the catch of the first mackerel of the season. The "fresh mackerel" on the restaurant menu card can not, then, be more than a year old.

According to Mayor "Jim's" decree no fashionable up-to-date Omaha dog will be in style without a new Easter muzzle of the latest make and pattern.

Pennsylvania's act in unvetting a statue to Commodore Barry as "the father of the American navy" looks like a direct slap at Richmond Pearson Hobson.

Railroad managers appear to fear they will be placed in the molycoddle class if they do not put up a fight against state laws reducing transportation rates.

"There is business in the northwest for all the railroads that may build into the territory," says James J. Hill. This is no news to the nation, outside of Wall street.

Former Senator Burton pretends that he refused a pardon offered him by President Roosevelt. Burton has certainly reformed if he is able to refuse anything offered him.

The latest tip is that President Roosevelt wants Mr. Cortelyou to succeed him. Mr. Cortelyou has occupied about all the positions at the cabinet table except the head of it.

The state senate has three times refused even to confer with the house about adjournment. Apparently our Nebraska law-makers are for once anxious to give full measure.

Platform pledges are practically all redeemed with the exception of the primary election law and the enactment of the primary election law is now only a question of adjusting details.

When the trainmen on the Panama railway learned that they were expected to carry Secretary Taft across the isthmus and back, they promptly demanded an increase of wages.

A dispute is raging down in Texas as to who should have the honor of introducing Colonel Bryan when he makes his address to the assembled legislators. Strangely enough, no one is urging the name of Senator Bailey.

While redeeming the platform pledges members of the legislature of all parties should remember that they are committed to a policy of close economy in the appropriations for state institutions and departments of government.

The republican platform holds out an assurance for "raising only such revenue as is needed to meet the current expenses of our state government under the most rigid economy," and the democratic platform promises, "such relief from tax burdens as may be possible by economy in state government and equalization of assessments."

Brought down to brass tacks, the amount of money which must be raised by the state levy depends entirely upon the amount of money appropriated by the legislature. It is not the rate of the levy, but the amount of money appropriated that must be figured on.

If the revenue available under existing limits were insufficient to meet absolutely needed requisitions the change of the tax limit would be justified, but whether the tax limit is raised or not, every appropriation should be kept down to strict requirements of each case and the State Board of Assessment left free to reduce the levy as far below the maximum as conditions will permit.

Ordinarily a growing state, enjoying bountiful prosperity, would be expected to respond reasonably to the demand for larger appropriations, but Nebraska is larger burdened with a floating debt largely in excess of what the constitution allows and it will take two or three years yet before this debt will be paid off.

THE NAVY'S ADVERTISING LESSON. The Navy department at Washington has finally learned, although the process has been tardy, that the newspaper is the best advertising medium.

Since the enlargement of the navy after the Spanish-American war there has been a constant demand for recruits for that branch of the government service. Difficulty has been experienced in securing men sufficient to equip properly the new battleships with crews and the department has been using resplendent designs of a marvelous ship on a wonderful ocean to attract the attention and arouse the enthusiasm of possible seamen.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT IS TO BE GRATULATED UPON ITS ACCESSION TO THE RANKS OF INTELLIGENT ADVERTISERS.

"UNDER WHICH FLAG, BEZONANT?" Experts viewing the political field and forecasting the line-up for next year's presidential campaign may not be able to see any democratic candidate available except Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan, shrewdly watching the developments in the word war over transportation problems, has taken courage and renewed his talk of "ultimate federal ownership of railroads," the suggestion of which by him on his return from his tour of the world gave the democratic party of the nation a cold bath, from which many of its members have not yet felt the glow of reaction.

Mr. Bryan apparently feels that the public sentiment, aroused by the doings at Washington and in state legislatures in the way of railway rate laws, is ripe for a drift to his government ownership idea.

Mr. Cleveland has taken advantage of the opportunity to file a minority report. Mr. Cleveland contends that the democrats, if they wish again to secure control of government affairs and get back into the good graces of the people, should lose no time in "bringing to the front the issue of tariff reform and focusing the attention of the country upon it."

He is confident that a campaign on this issue will "clarify the atmosphere, solidify the friends of democracy and bring victory." Mr. Cleveland's declaration serves notice that the democrats will have their regular quadrilateral fight for an issue, with the factions divided as seriously on that proposition as they have been in the past.

The party always has had difficulty in keeping an issue alive until it became a 4-year-old. Mr. Cleveland has been almost alone in keeping that issue alive for his party while the rank and file were following Mr. Bryan into the free silver, anti-imperialism and other camps.

Today Mr. Cleveland has the support of John Sharp Williams and a few minor leaders who want the tariff issue revived and pushed forward in the next battle, but a majority of the party will doubtless elect to follow Mr. Bryan in his determination to make railway ownership the paramount issue.

Democrats inclined to follow the advice of the sage of Princeton must realize the disadvantage under which the party is laboring and appreciate the significance of a recent statement of Mr. Bryan that President Roosevelt had stolen his raiment. The people, without regard to party, understand and sympathize with the attitude of President Roosevelt and the republican administration on the railway questions and are in no danger of being drawn to the democratic support by anything on Mr. Bryan's railroad program.

A CONTRAST IN MURDER TRIALS. The American public, at first startled and then nauseated with details of the Thaw trial, will find refreshing relief in contrasting the conduct of that case with the trial of Rayner, just convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a merchant prince in London.

The Rayner case was most sensational and contained as much material for the development of emotional aspects as have been shown in the Thaw trial. Hints of a "double life" on the part of the victim, mystery as to the connections of the murderer, a train of scandal that threatened to involve members of high society and all the elements of a melodramatic performance in court were at hand.

The first session of the federal court since the enactment of the new judicial division law has just been held at Norfolk. No cases being on the docket for trial there, the judge and court officers merely went through the forms of opening and closing sufficient to furnish a basis for charging up mileage and fees.

Aspirants for the republican presidential nomination all agree that Mr. Roosevelt may participate in the preliminary campaign if he wishes to do so. The announcement will be appreciated by the president, who is always bashful about taking a hand in affairs without first getting permission.

THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRY IS COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG AS AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR A BREWERY.

Radical changes in the plan of government in Iowa cities are made possible by the law just passed almost without opposition by the legislature at Des Moines.

President Winchell of the Rock Island railroad says that there are 500 bills pending in fourteen state legislatures in which his company is interested.

Mr. Harriman says he would be perfectly willing to sit beside the president and give him advice. It would be more to the point if Mr. Harriman would be willing to sit beside the president and take advice.

Western bankers seem to have felt the effects of the Wall street panic only to the extent of being asked to loan money at high rates of interest to help the high financiers out of the muddle.

Senator Rayner of Maryland says the "day of bosses with the democratic party is over." The one alluring attraction of the democratic party is that every member of it is his own boss.

Conductor Pair of Pittsburg is demanding \$15,000 salary for next year. The conductors on the lines west of Pittsburg want an increase, also, but are more modest in their demands.

Cheer Up! Washington Herald. The railroad presidents should cheer up. Only a short time now and everybody will be abusing the umpires.

Playing Old Favorites. Washington States. The Grover Cleveland presidential chat always comes along at the same time of year when the fish story begins to loom up.

Fooder for All Needs. Chicago News. Never fear but that the breakfast food manufacturers will rise to the occasion and furnish the public with different brands warranted to make a man molycoddle or a prize fighter, according to the package he selects.

Absence Makes Hearts Grow Fonder. Boston Transcript. It is hinted that Secretary Taft is taking long chances in leaving the United States and permitting his boom to take care of itself, but Mr. Bryan's boom was much larger while he is out of the country than it is now.

Furnished the Fuel. Baltimore American. The president of the Santa Fe railroad charges the public hostility to the railroads to President Roosevelt, and says that the president started a brush fire that developed into a conflagration. He neglects to mention the fact, though, that the railroads supplied the kindling.

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hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Whatever may be the actual mental condition of Harry K. Thaw in one respect he does not differ from a multitude of people to whom a hint of lunacy would be a result. Thaw's business of superintending is well developed.

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Every dog is entitled to have his day, but he must not be allowed to interfere with the game. Some of my pals have reported several cases where a worthless cur has chewed up the cards and gotten away with the chips. We won't stand for this sort of work any longer.

A bill to bar members of the Omaha Board of Fire and Police Commissioners from becoming candidates for other offices while serving in that capacity has been killed on a statement by Senator Saunders that with the prospective change in the personnel of the board it will not be needed.

Six New York and Brooklyn breweries have consolidated with a stock and bond capitalization of \$18,500,000, of which \$7,250,000 will be issued.

James Reilly, the village blacksmith, was recently elected president of North Pelham, a Manhattan suburb, after a picturesque campaign as an independent. He had been ignored by both parties, in spite of the fact that his administration had been the most economical in the history of the village.

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It seems that a careful investigation of conditions at the Chicago stock exchange has officially convinced the government that \$17,000 is missing. But that doesn't appear to help the situation much.

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"No," said the foreman, "the jurors feel that the boy was led to commit this robbery by the two others."

The judge had the boy arraigned. "Did your companions lead you into committing this robbery?" he asked.

"Not on your life," said the boy. Evidently he laughed, looking most of the jurors two of them looked very sheepish, and it turned out that they were the ones who insisted on the recommendation with the verdict, otherwise they would not have voted for conviction.

Judge Rosinsky of general sessions, who rose to the bench from the streets of the East Side, where he sold newspapers and incidentally learned the ways of all East Siders, good and bad, and who, since he became judge, has been very severe with criminals convicted in his court, was robbed recently. Burglars entered his home, at 414 Washington street, and took \$500 worth of jewelry.

Men who have a mania for playing nickel-in-the-slot machines should buy a money-saving clock recently invented by a New York man. In order to wind it, the owner must drop in a nickel. If he keeps the clock going, he must save at least 25 cents a week.

The Railway Millennium. Chicago Chronicle. Mr. Browne, first vice president of the New York Central railway, is credited with having said that the whole duty of railroads and of the people is comprised in securing frank publicity and openness in all transactions by either railroads or people which may affect the other and the maintenance of absolute equality in rates and all business between them, with special privileges to none. This appears to be impeccable as doctrine and it only remains to translate it into practice to bring promise of a kind of railway millennium.

Temper and Tempted. Portland Oregonian. Which is worse morally, the briber of the man who he bribes? Was Eve more guilty than Satan? The common judgment of mankind always has been that the guilt of the tempter exceeds that of the victim whom he beguiles and ruins.

Round About New York. Whatever may be the actual mental condition of Harry K. Thaw in one respect he does not differ from a multitude of people to whom a hint of lunacy would be a result.

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GRAVITY VERSUS GAYETY.

Temperament as a Factor in the Lives of Great Men. Washington Post. Dan MacLaren often Beaconsfield and Gladstone as examples to show that men devoid of a sense of humor succeed in political life more frequently than those blessed with that attribute.

Marlborough and Peterborough would serve much better to illustrate the idea than MacLaren advances. One was always grave, the other always gay.

Pitt and Sheridan are two examples—one the gravest statesman, and the other the wittiest, of a great generation. Pitt reached the pinnacle of success; Sheridan quaffed the lees of failure, disappointment, debt, and penury, and yet Sheridan was the more intellectual man of the two.

Proctor Knott had no superior as a jurist in any congress of which he was a member. His speech on the fourteenth amendment was one of the most powerful constitutional arguments ever delivered in a deliberative body.

PERSONAL NOTES. Colonel O. G. Munson, a state senator of Wisconsin, is also Governor Davidson's private secretary.

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Millions for Distribution in Quarterly Dividends.

Following the big decline in stocks that have carried prices down successively day after day, comes the statement of the April dividend disbursements of the great railroad and industrial corporations. The total will exceed \$80,000,000 and will break all records for a similar period.

Here is a thing to look at with satisfaction. We have seen prices of stocks decline heavily and have heard of immense losses incurred. But these were losses of the profits represented by the selling price in a high market.

The industrial will increase their dividend payments by about \$5,000,000, the railroads by \$7,000,000 and the street railways by \$700,000.

STELLA—Have they family plate? Jack—No, but they have a cousin who once touched the home plate.—New York Sun.

He-it always makes me feel sad when I play the piano. She—Ah, in sympathy with your audience, I suppose.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"But George, you promised you'd be a good boy." "Well, you see, mamma, I was just tryin' to make true what you told Aunt Matilda."

"What did I tell Aunt Matilda?" "You told her I was a promisin' child."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You got a raise in pay, didn't you?" "Yes, but it didn't do me any good."

"Why not?" "I talk in my sleep, and my wife found out about it."—Cleveland Leader.

"I'm quite positive," said Miss Lovelorn, "that he loves me a great deal." "Do you really think so?"—Philadelphia Press.

"I can tell by his sigh whenever—" "Now, don't fool yourself. You can't gauge the depth of a man's love by his sighs."—Philadelphia Press.

"I only write when the spirit moves me," remarked the attic poet.

"But suppose the spirit doesn't move you for a long time," suggested the worshiper at the shrine.

"In that case the landlady does," replied the poet sadly.—Philadelphia Record.

"Yes, ma'am," the convict was saying, "I'm here jist for tryin' to flatter a rich man."

"The idea!" exclaimed his prison visitor. "Yes, ma'am, I jist tried to imitate his signature on a check."—Philadelphia Press.

"I should think monarchs had very gloomy lives." "Why so?"

"Because when they start in, it is with a hat all around, followed by a reign."—Baltimore American.

Confidential Friend—Didn't the idea ever occur to you that you ought to use a part of your ink in endowing a school for journalism?</