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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.

Straws in the millinery shops show which way the Easter money blows.

Mayor Jim will now edit the public with a proclamation entitled "Sic em, Towser."

The tariff on golf balls has been reduced. The tariff on high balls remains unchanged.

This sort of weather ought to gladden the heart of the most fastidious Easter bonnet.

The powers are sending representatives to Tangier to witness the tanning of Morocco by France.

It is again being proved in Omaha that for excitement the next thing to a good dog fight is a good fight over dogs.

The price of liquid air has been increased to 2 cents a gallon, but the hot variety is cheaper and more plentiful than ever.

A Wall street stock that will expand instead of shrinking when water is poured on it would be highly popular with the speculators.

Editor Hitchcock's paper is still boosting for Greater Omaha in its editorial columns and knocking against it in its news columns.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst are both supporting the democratic candidate for mayor in Chicago and the republicans feel greatly encouraged.

After Secretary Taft has examined into affairs in Cuba he doubtless will make a choice between cockfighting and revolutions as a sport for the natives.

The industrial commissioner of the Burlington seems to be at variance with the tax commissioner of the Burlington on the subject of Omaha as a sponge.

The United States is not ready to intervene in the Honduras-Nicaragua war. The Missouri mule involved in the controversy probably is taking care of himself.

The railroads are getting ready to fight the 2-cent fare law in Missouri and Arkansas. The Nebraska 2-cent fare law may as well begin to get in training.

While Secretary of the Interior Garfield is declaring that fences must come down most of the politicians are preparing to spend the summer in building up their fences.

The child labor law is assured of a place in the next edition of the Nebraska statutes. It remains to be seen, however, whether it will be a live one or a dead letter.

Harry Thaw might deliver a solar plexus blow to that insanity inquiry by avowing that he has taken no part in the railway rate debate and has not told the president how to dig the Panama canal.

It is explained that the New York society man who was arrested for driving his automobile at twenty miles an hour drew his punishment for retarding the progress of the automobiles that were following him.

John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics, paid \$2 a minute for the privilege of talking to a Washington audience. It might help some to establish a tariff like that for the voluble gentlemen who are trying to conduct a government by oratory.

THE TERMINAL TAX LAW.

By the approving signature of Governor Sheldon the bill for the municipal taxation of railroad property within cities, towns and villages has become a law, and while it will not become operative before the tax levy a year hence, it may be assumed that this long and stubbornly-fought contest is at an end.

As a matter of fact, the terminal tax law as enacted goes to the extreme of fairness toward the railroads without deviating from the principle that the railroad property within the corporate limits of cities, towns and villages should be assessed for local taxes on the same basis as other property.

There could be no question as to the location of the tangible property and its subject to taxation where it is located, but there are various ways in which the franchise values can be figured. The franchise may be regarded as attaching separately to the property in each administrative subdivision.

Under these circumstances, while the people are to be particularly congratulated on achieving a great victory, the railroads have no ground whatever to complain. The law will stop a long-standing grievance and stop a serious abuse of railroad tax shirking.

SENATOR BAILEY'S LATEST BREAK.

Joseph Weldon Bailey, senator of the United States from Texas, admittedly is one of the greatest constitutional lawyers in the nation, a splendid debater and orator and one of the hardest working men in the national congress.

I know that I can never be president of this nation, but that is not true because of anything that they (his enemies) have said or done; it is true because of things I have said and done.

The day may almost be counted lost whose low descending sun does not shine upon some table of statistics or statement of facts that adds to the embarrassment of the railroad managers and high financiers who are trying to convince the public that the crest of the prosperity wave has passed.

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RIGHTS OF RAILWAY PASSENGERS.

It would appear to be time to call a halt in this agitation about reforms needed in the method of operating American railroads. The Berlin correspondent of the New York Evening Post has offered the back-breaking straw in the suggestion of the compartment system for passengers on European railroads.

Their compartment system, made for six people, is, in my way of thinking, better than our American way. No one of the six occupying a compartment can do anything to which any one of the other five objects, such as raising a window or smoking a pipe.

No strain on the imagination is necessary to frame a mental picture of what would happen in one of those compartments built for six on American railways if the occupants were a Bible agent afraid of drafts, a cowboy who could not ride in comfort unless his feet were hanging out the window, a cigar salesman trying to use up his samples, an irascible gentleman who has just sworn off, a dandy afraid of germs and a good, honest old farmer who has removed his shoes.

GLOWING REPORTS FROM PANAMA.

The country at large will hope that the members of congress who have just returned from their junket to the Panama canal zone have justification for the enthusiastic and encouraging reports they are making on the progress of the work on the great interoceanic waterway.

Preliminary Training.

Germany's practice with artillery against balloons high up in the air may be preliminary training for the approaching conflict with the disarmament cranks in The Hague conference.

Hoisting for the Hurricane.

Foraker says he doesn't want any political honors from the people of Ohio without their hearty approval. He will not sit down, however, and wait for others to work up the approval.

Back to First Principles.

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The Health Officer at Colon.

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The Railroad Bogie.

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE.

Significant Manifestation of Cordial Relations. Leslie's Weekly.

It is doubtful if any other president has ever established such cordial relations with all the people, young and old, as President Roosevelt. The affectionate expressions constantly heard in regard to the president, but in reference to every member of his family, are unusual and extraordinary.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Despotism has warrant for lamentation in the death of Constantine Petrovitch Pobledonostoff, expromator-general of the Holy Synod of Russia. Second only to the czar in power and influence he dominated the internal policies of Russia more completely than any other official of the government.

Seventeen of the eighteen members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have confessed to receiving bribes. The other member probably has a physician's certificate that he was unable to be present when the loot was divided.

Iowa is inquiring about terminal taxation in Nebraska. A whole lot of states will wake up to the fact before long that they have been giving the railroads special privileges in the way of shirking municipal tax burdens.

A young brother of Count Castellano says he wants to become an American citizen. The announcement that he is different from Boni in every respect removes all objection to his coming over and applying for naturalization.

The Philadelphia Record calls attention to the fact that the states that return the biggest republican majorities have the most rural free delivery routes. Naturally, the people of those states do most of the reading.

Germany is threatening to divert its trade from the United States to Canada, but Germany ought to know that imported beer is a little rich for the simple taste of Canadians.

That New York man who fell 155 feet and suffered nothing but a severe cold will know enough to put on his muffler and ear tabs when he wants to take another fall like that.

Now, if President Roosevelt could send a United States senator to prison merely because of personal prejudice, does anybody suppose that Foraker and Tillman would be going around as chipper as they are?

As nearly as can be ascertained, the San Francisco supervisors received \$13,500 in bribes, in sums ranging from \$50 to \$5,000, that representing the mites Roosevelt allowed them from the several corruption funds. However, enough went this way to pay for furnishing a capital.

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Some exporters claim that the increased wages are making it more difficult for them to send their goods to America. Those goods which at the former cost of production left a meager profit when sold in the American market can not now be disposed of there, but new markets must be found where lower tariff rates or higher prices will enable them to realize more from the goods.

The sending of more and more textile machinery to the United States for operation there has been another result of interest. Almost all of the machinery exported from this district to the United States is for weaving or knitting, and though not large in amount has nevertheless a significant bearing considering its rapid increase. In 1914 it amounted to \$2,994, in 1915, \$2,612, in 1916, \$3,542. The exporting from here of at least a part of this machinery may be accounted for from the fact that men who have gone from here to the United States to secure better business conditions for the machinery to which they have been accustomed.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The quantity of political mud in the air of Chicago rivals the justly celebrated smoke smudges of the lake city.

The man who fathered the lick-the-editor bill in the Pennsylvania legislature took to the woods when invited to give a practical demonstration of its intent.

The best of weather prophets must concede the prize for prophecy to the Ohio man who declares Bryan will carry every state in the union next year.

One of the graft revelations in the Pennsylvania state capitol investigations is that lacquer was sold to the state as gold plate and paid for as such. This is a specimen of the gold brick business of which so much is continually heard in Pennsylvania politics.

Kentucky is getting aboard the water wagon. It is announced that prohibition is spreading over the famous home of the bourbon, human and distilled, and that out of 119 counties nearly a hundred have taken advantage of the local option law and gone dry, and others are going the same way.

In connection with the inquiry into the furnishing of the palace of graft of Pennsylvania former Governor Pennypacker warned the inquirers that "evidently should be contemplated with quinquina."

Recent events in the Transvaal are significant and tend to show that the soul of Paul Kruger is marching on. The first Parliament of the colony under the new constitution met in the hall in Pretoria in which the late president of the Boer republic presided for so many years over the stilted of the upper Volksraad of that day, and the stage settings were the same.

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LAUGHING GAS.

"So you are going to lecture?" "Yes," answered Senator Borah, "not that I care for the money, but it is a pleasure to get away from your stony-faced colleagues in congress and face an audience that really wants to hear you talk."—Washington Star.

"The lawyers were contending that their client was sane." "Your Honor," said the spokesman, "didn't he bounce one of us? Well?" Then the decision of the tribunal was awaited with confidence.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"I believe the safest financial course is a temperance one." "Yes, but how can you follow such a course when money is tight?"—Baltimore American.

Belshazzar saw the writing on the wall. "It's an unwritten law that goes," he remarked airily. "Being fully up to date, he had no fear."—New York Sun.

"Is the grass beginning to get green on your lawn?" "Some." "How much?" "About as green as the question you asked."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Mendelssohn was writing his "Spring Song." "But how about the words?" objected a friend. "Why bother with them?" retorted the great composer in congress and face an audience that really wants to hear you talk.—Washington Herald.

"Here's another battleship talked of." "Ah! What displacement?" "Ten million dollars."—Puck.

"Come!" cried the mother of the peevish little bull pup, "you can't mend matters by whining, can you?" "It's a guess, not," said the little pup. "Then," said his mother, "if not, whine not."—Philadelphia Press.

"The cards say that your destinies are controlled by a large blonde lady." "Kamph! That's no news. It's our red-headed cook."—Baltimore American.

"Hottest March I ever saw," growled the pedestrian. "Huh," snorted a veteran who had overhauled as well as a marker to Sherman's march to the sea.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Activities of Roosevelt. Kansas City Star. This remarkable man has probably written more books, and better ones, than the average literateur contributes in a lifetime.

I hunt for new enjoyments. When old ones cease to please, Obeying no man's orders, I live a life of ease.

My dear old, fond old father From lolling day by day, Accumulating money, And piling it away.

His brow is deeply furrowed, His eyes are growing dim; His clothes are old and rusty, But they will do for him.

He never tastes such dainties As tempt my appetite; In adding to his riches He finds his one delight.

He has no time to travel, His weary back is bent; He always stops to ponder Before he spends a cent.

Why should I ever worry Or ever have a care? Before me there is lying A future that is fair.

My dear old father's piling up money, rain or shine; He cannot live forever, Some day it will be mine.

An Easter Greeting

TO ALL our friends and patrons we extend an Easter greeting.

Sunday is Easter. Spruce up. Easter should mark a new epoch in your wardrobe.

If you are not ready for Easter Sunday we can put you in order in a very short time, and you will be as well dressed as any man, even though he be a custom man.

Our Suits and Overcoats of this spring's offering are the acme of perfection in style and fit.

Our Hat Department has all the new blocks and colors, in both soft and stiff shapes. You should have a new hat for Easter. It is here.

Our showing of High Grade Shirts and Neckwear for Easter is the finest in the city.

You will need a new Waistcoat. They are here in an endless variety.

And our Children's Department is showing everything that is new and up-to-date for the little fellows.

Browning, King & Co. H. S. WILCOX, Manager.

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