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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.

It is up to the weather man to fix a date for the open-faced car.

"This is a lazy season," says the Washington Herald. President out of the city?

Nothing in the law prevents finishing the work of tree planting after Arbor day has passed.

One new modern fireproof hotel in reality would be worth more to Omaha than a dozen such hotels on paper.

Secretary Taft's friends insist he is a star in the presidential race and not merely Mr. Roosevelt's understudy.

The New York peace congress has adjourned with the exception of Editor Stead of London, who is still talking.

Americans need not mind their own business any more. Editor Stead of London has undertaken the job for them.

Mr. Cleveland fails to give any sign that he even heard the kind things Mr. Bryan has been saying about democratic mugwumps.

The new chief of police of Chicago says he is going to make the city a "safe place for country people to visit."

Governor Hagerman of New Mexico resigned just as soon as he found that his successor had been selected and already had his bond ready.

Colonel Bryan's job of driving everybody who does not agree with him out of the democratic party will not be as difficult as it was a few years ago.

Official reports from Jamestown on the eve of the opening of the gates are to the effect that the exposition buildings are 80 per cent ready.

President Roosevelt says he will not go to Norway to make a Nobel peace prize speech in 1909.

Harry Thaw wants a change of venue for his next trial. Second the motion and move the trial be held in one of those West Virginia towns which does not consider a murder trial of sufficient interest to warrant reporting in the newspapers.

Mr. Carnegie has been decorated as a commander of the French Legion of Honor for his distinguished services in the interests of universal peace.

Former Congressman Wadsworth of northern New York has made a bitter personal attack upon President Roosevelt. As Mr. Wadsworth has spent most of his life on the farm he probably does not appreciate the risk of playing with matches in a powder magazine.

Complaints have already been entered against the hotels in the vicinity of the Jamestown exposition for raising their prices to charge all the traffic will bear.

SEEING THE LIGHT.

The Great Northern railway has thrown something in the nature of a bomb into the camps of its rivals by announcing that it has seen the light and will accept without contest the 3-cent passenger rate law enacted by the Minnesota legislature as well as the state laws reducing freight rates.

Reports from other states in which 3-cent fare laws were enacted are equally indicative that many railway managers are thinking better of their earlier determination to carry the passenger rate reduction cases into the courts.

It is an established axiom, applicable to transportation affairs as to bargaining at the counter, that reduced prices beget increased business, and reduced passenger rates must increase business without corresponding demand for increased facilities.

It goes without saying that should the railroads generally abandon their threatened attack upon the passenger and freight rate reduction laws they would do much to remove a source of public irritation and to end the agitation of which the railway managers have so bitterly complained.

After all the talk and debate in congress for a couple of years, the Department of Agriculture has found it necessary to warn the public that it should not believe everything it reads on manufacturers' labels.

The pure food law requires that manufacturers of food articles shall file with the government a guaranty of the purity and proper branding of their products. But this is the guaranty of the manufacturer and not of the government.

The distinction is, of course, plain and the manufacturers resorting to such methods must admit themselves at fault, but it seems a pity that after such a prolonged campaign of education, the public should not be allowed to place more than its former faith in labels.

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou's announced intention of instituting a change in the methods of inspecting the baggage of people entering the ports at New York promises a reform too long neglected. This inspection is necessary for the detection of persons who may be attempting to smuggle dutiable goods into the country from abroad.

The passenger is required to make a declaration before leaving the ship concerning the character of his baggage and personal effects. This should be sufficient, unless the customs officials have some strong reason for believing that the declaration was false.

The World-Herald historian charges a Nebraska pioneer with having cast his first vote for Governor Burt. This would be startling if true. According to the chronicles of the day Governor Burt was appointed territorial gov-

ernor of Nebraska by President Pierce in 1854 and reached Nebraska on his journey from his home in South Carolina on the 6th day of October, badly broken in health, and sank rapidly until he died, on the 15th of October.

The people of Lincoln may vote at their coming election on the question of municipal ownership of their local street railway system. The experience of Omaha with municipal ownership of the water works would suggest that the legislature be first applied to for a law for immediate compulsory purchase.

One of our sensational preachers applauds the social evil campaign of the Senior Yellow because it has disclosed to him that a woman of bad repute had sent her child to his Sunday school and he would not otherwise have known of the "ignominy of his mother."

Representatives of Nebraska railroads will have the privilege of waiting on the State Board of Assessment and on the State Railway commission at the same time. People in the neighborhood of the state house will then imagine that the legislature has reconvened, bringing the lobby in full force with it.

"The wealth of men like Rockefeller and Morgan is like a reservoir into which run little streams from the mountains which of themselves would be of no use to mankind," says one big New York banker, whose advice might be more effective if he had built a little reservoir of his own.

Our amiable democratic contemporary announces that the congressman from the Fifth Nebraska district will go with the "junketing" party to Hawaii.

Large Truth in Small Compass. Baltimore American. War will cease when pride, anger, greed, envy, cupidity, injustice and tyranny are swept out of the human heart and soul.

Hard, Weary Climb. Indianapolis News. Don't think too harshly of the thermometer. Remember how hard it is to get up again after you have been thoroughly downed.

Oh, Forget It! Kansas City Times. Omaha is just beginning to find out things concerning ex-Senator Thurston of which the rest of the country has been aware a long time.

Learning from the Cubans. New York Herald. Our Cuban wards can teach us a thing or two. Down there they arm a base ball umpire with a revolver, and the "fans" are so quiet that one can hear a foot pit in the furthestmost bleachers.

Keep Out of It. Washington Herald. As we understand the sentiment of the country, the idea is that the republicans must not hold up the corporations for "alash funds" in the future, and the democrats must not try to do it any more.

Blinking Light for the Voters. Chicago Inter Ocean. If money is not to be taken for campaign work from men who have it and are willing to give it—who are almost invariably men connected in some way, directly or indirectly, with stock company enterprises—then we shall be obliged to carry on our campaigns without funds and leave the average voter in doubt or darkness as to what the election is really about.

Roosevelt Luck. New York World. Roosevelt luck is never exhausted. Now it is Frederick Weyerhaeuser of Wisconsin who says that President Roosevelt has been "a true medicine." Mr. Weyerhaeuser speaks with feeling. He is the recognized head of the Lumber trust, whose operations in the west have recently landed a large number of distinguished persons of Idaho in the criminal courts.

A Notable Victory Over Western Coal Land Grabbers. Pittsburg Dispatch. The government has won a notable victory in its proceedings against the western coal combine, forcing the corporations to disgorge coal lands valued at millions of dollars that had been acquired illegally.

The importance of this victory can hardly be overestimated. It was charged that the railroads and allied corporations had established a virtual monopoly of the coal deposits of the interior in a secret section that has only begun to develop its resources. Thanks to the government's activity it is now assured a square deal.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. "The unknown" may have been the subject of much controversy in discussing the forces engaged in the civil war," says Pension Commissioner Warner in the Washington Herald.

"I think everybody will be surprised at the limited number there are of them. So far there have been about 200,000 applications under the new law, but of those who have been put on the list are in the shape of original applications, or in other words, applications of the hitherto unknown possible pension claimants. Certainly, the entire number will not exceed 5,000.

Druggists throughout the United States are at this time busy with the provisions of the new food law. Many inquiries are reaching the Department of Agriculture concerning the use of the word "compound" in names of drug products.

Completed records made by clerks of the senate and house show that the last congress has passed 4,310 bills. In the Fifty-second congress 10,233 bills were introduced, but the Fifty-ninth set a new figure with 15,577. The Fifty-second congress was in session 340 legislative days and passed 398 public and 324 private bills.

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NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Beatrice Sun: The governor vetoed the bill providing a penalty for neglecting to cut weeds. That was the proper thing to do. Under the child labor law some farmer might have offended against the law by setting a boy under 14 to cutting weeds. Weeds and loafers are the future crop of Nebraska.

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HURRY OF CIVILIZATION.

More Satisfactory Living Possible at a Slower Pace. Charles F. Lummis in Out West. Civilization is a progressive disease. Its most obvious symptom is that it gets us on the run. With all its inventions, it has found no device to put more hours into the day, nor more years to our span.

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SHIRT SALE. ON'T forget to come in and get some of those bargains to-morrow, One Day Only, Tuesday, \$1.15. They Sold as High as \$2.00. Broken lines from this season's goods. Plain white, plain blue, polka dots, stripes, etc. Mostly coat style. Browning, King & Co. B. S. WILCOX, Manager.