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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.

"Who is stronger than Bryan?" asks the Nashville American. At what?

Attorney General Bonaparte is going to make the Tobacco trust smoke up, as fast as he can find a match.

Howard Gould denies the report that his yacht is for sale. It is his wife that he is trying to dispose of.

It is proposed to change the names of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies. How would Damon and Pythias do?

A Texas judge has ruled that a table fork is not a deadly weapon. The table fork is used for purely ornamental purposes in Texas.

These unusually severe thunderstorms hereabouts must be simply reverberations of Japanese artillery practice up in the clouds.

Ambassador Reid is said to be tired of his London post. It is no violation of confidence to state that Senator Dewey would accept the place.

Secretary Taft says there is no graft at Panama. The evidence seems to be conclusive that Panama is different from any other part of the country.

The Congo country has no objection to Belgium, but draws the line against annexation to King Leopold. The Congo is becoming wiser, if not civilized.

If the officials of the Tobacco trust cannot be sent to jail they might be punished by being compelled to smoke some of the cigars they put on the market.

"I am rapidly becoming more conservative," says Colonel Bryan. It will be just his luck to become real conservative and then discover that the people have become radical.

Judge Highly of Oklahoma City has decided that if the girl is willing a man may hug her at any time or place without fracturing community peace. Oklahoma is still bidding for immigration.

Governor Vardaman says he would rather live with Jeff Davis under the stars and bars than with President Roosevelt under the stars and stripes. It must be said for Vardaman that he seems to know his place.

The membership committee of the Commercial club has set its counting machine for the 1,000 mark. With local business conditions as prosperous as they are that ought to be a comparatively easy task.

"We have money enough to move the crops," says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. That's good. When Wall Street gets ready with its annual appeal for money to move the crops the application can be made to the Post-Dispatch instead of to the Treasury department at Washington.

The Topeka Herald, one of the brightest papers of the Kansas capital, has suspended, and all because the people persisted in believing the paper was controlled, if not owned, by special railroad and other corporation interests. The Chicago Chronicle recently died from a similar complaint. The brass-collared editor has outlived his usefulness.

PITY THE POOR TAX BUREAUCRATS.

The tax bureaucrats of the railroads doing business in Nebraska are trying desperately to earn their money and make James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman believe that they are a necessary and profitable adjunct of every well equipped railroad.

Formerly the railroads used to keep their assessments down by controlling the assessing boards, currying friendship with free passes and campaign contributions, if not by more insidious inducements. Later they tried the method of refusing to pay their taxes and appealing to the federal courts to help them out.

These successive steps are all part of the same game of railway tax shirking. The request to increase the assessment of the state as a whole is the same thing as the request already denied to lower the assessment of the railroads.

The best proof of the shallowness of all this talk of a war between the United States and Japan is found in the quotations in the world's money markets. Capital is proverbially timid, but European capital is positively cowardly and hides at each hint of international complications that have the remotest basis in fact.

When the Independent Telephone franchise was pending The Bee placed itself squarely against any franchise privileges for a period longer than twenty-five years and the telephone franchise was promptly curtailed from fifty years to twenty-five years.

The revenues of the school district of Omaha during the last fiscal year foot up over \$700,000, none of which came as proceeds of bond sales. The expenditures of the school district are more than two-thirds of the expenditures of the city, although the proportion of the money raised by taxation is considerably smaller.

The division of information of the Bureau of Immigration at Washington has adopted a plan which promises to be of real value to the employers of the country and to do much toward solving the problem of a proper distribution of immigrant labor.

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to the employers, the immigrants, the bureau at Washington and the cities in which immigrants now congest the tenement districts because they do not know what else to do. The information concerning the class of laborer required may save much confusion, annoyance and loss by preventing mechanics from being sent to the wheat fields and agricultural laborers to the factories.

GET READY FOR THE DRAFT. In the face of the proclamation of war with Japan fired off by the military editor of the World-Herald, nothing remains for the good people of Omaha but to get ready for the draft.

There is no proof that the maxim "The pen is mightier than the sword" has been translated into the Japanese language, but judging from Admiral Yamamoto's remarks to the newspaper men upon landing he seems to have heard about it.

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New York, but was altogether unjust for a sparsely populated state like Nebraska. The railroad magnates down east, however, will not even admit that a 2-cent fare is all right in Pennsylvania and New York, which again convicts the western "lawyers and subordinates" of misrepresentation, if not prevarication.

President Roosevelt has not made the railroads feel any more kindly toward him by his action in turning back to the federal treasury some \$15,000 which congress appropriated for his traveling expenses.

Peary threatens to make his dash for the North Pole with an insufficient stock of provisions, if the \$100,000 he needs is not contributed promptly. Peary has been credited with being a daring, not a daffy, explorer.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Bunches of money from the treasury of Greater New York look mighty good to land owners of the right-of-way for the Catskill mountain water route which the city has acquired by its latching power. They can't get too much of it. One owner of a farm of 240 acres, bought for less than \$5,000 just before the official map of the route was filed, wants the city to hand him \$24,000 for ten and a half acres of this prize property.

The recals who tamper with the food product are given the restriction of their laws and vigorous prosecutions, are still active, and heavy fines are starting some of them in the face.

It was in the Riato, where there are to be seen thousands of those unfortunate ships that pass in the night, at a point where every man is likely to be accosted by wandering objects. A blind mendicant, crippled and with death's pallor on his brow, sat on the sidewalk turning an old hurdy-hurdy.

Blind Men's Club of New York City holds a meeting twice each month. It is made up not only of those who cannot see, but has an associate membership open to those who can see who desire to be of financial aid to the organization.

The secretary is a blind man, who keeps his records by what is known as the "New York point," which consists of pricking cardboard with an instrument resembling an awl. The reader passes his finger tips over the raised portions, which he translates into sense.

With all the hue and cry about the influx of Italian immigrants one is inclined to estimate the number of sons of Sturnia, Genoa, Aonia and Hesperia now in America high in the millions; and it is, indeed, surprising to learn that we have seen all too few than \$9,000 Italians.

THE LATE COLONEL HOGELAND. Tribute to the Life Work of Newsboys' Friend. Springfield (Mass) Republican.

A word of comment is in order upon the death, some little time ago, in a little room at hotel in Omaha, of Colonel Alexander Hogeland of Kentucky, who gave up forty years of his life to advocating the curfew law and to friendly oversight and care for newsboys and other lads who were in the way of finding the wrong kind of training in the city streets.

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Women Avoid Operations. When a woman suffering from female trouble is told that an operation is necessary, it, of course, frightens her. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from native roots and herbs, have secured serious operations, as evidenced by Miss Rose Moore's case.

WORDS AND MELODY OF SONG. Fame of Composers Overshadowed in Public Estimation. Boston Transcript. New that Washington has received the flag at Fort McHenry that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

RESTRICTION OF BILLBOARDS. Victory for Regulation Scored in a Buffalo Court. New York Outlook. The campaign for the restriction of the bill-board evil has scored a great victory in the opinion delivered lately by Judge Haze of the United States district court at Buffalo.

FLASHES OF FUN. "If these trousers don't fit," said Mr. Meekum, "my wife will send me back with them." "Why, I supposed they were for you," said the tailor, wrapping them up.—Chicago Tribune.

IN THE TWILIGHT. Chicago Post. When the children come home in twilight, come home from the field and the street. Come home from the paths that have sunken the recklessly brave little feet.

Still Going On. UR semi-annual clearing sale of spring and summer clothing is still going on—now is the time to get fitted out for your vacation trip.

Still Going On. 20% discount on all men's, boys and children's light weight clothing, this includes everything in the house in spring and summer clothing. We Close Saturday Evening at 9 O'clock. Browning, King & Co. R. S. WILCOX, Manager.