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

If milk keeps advancing in price it may really be cheaper to put more oysters in the stew.

Well, at any rate, the Louisiana bears are not taking as many chances as the Wall street bulls.

The Lusitania carries almost as many passengers as were brought over by the Mayflower on its first trip.

Senator Platt declares that he feels boyish again. He has doubtless mistaken a childish feeling for the boyish feeling.

Unless all signs fail, D. M. Haverly is good for another term in the county clerk's office, which he is filling satisfactorily on all concerned.

Wall street is waking up to the fact that the time has passed when the public will have its pockets picked without registering a kick.

"The Chicago police are to stop gambling," says the Inter Ocean. That's right. It's setting a bad example for the police to gamble.

The president is quoted as having said he would rather live in San Francisco than in Boston. The president likes his pills without sugar-coating.

People who want a strictly business administration of the sheriff's office—something we have not had in many a year—will vote for Bralley for sheriff.

The next republican nominee for the presidency must be a man of push," says the New York Press. Still, the man of pull usually succeeds best in politics.

Consolidation of Omaha and South Omaha during Mayor "Jim's" administration would give South Omaha the mayor at the start. That ought to be some inducement.

Perhaps there is a significance in Secretary Tatt's coupling of the assertions that this country will always be friendly with the Japanese and that we will not sell them the Philippines.

Congressman Gardner, son-in-law of Senator Lodge, insists that President Roosevelt shall be renominated. This deepens the mystery as to the author of the Lodge presidential boom.

Dr. Aked insists that Solomon did not write the songs credited to him. The authorship of those songs must remain a mystery, then, as George M. Cohan was not writing at that time.

The report that King Edward and William Waldorf Astor have reconciled their differences is good news, if true. If the quarrel had continued Mr. Astor might have returned to the United States.

Governor Sheldon can now return to relieve Acting Governor Hopewell and find things around the state house substantially unchanged since he left the state. This feeling of confidence in his substitute may serve to stimulate other gubernatorial excursions.

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AN EX POST FACTO PLANK.

The platform upon which the democrats are appealing for support in the present campaign in Nebraska contains among other things this declaration:

Unquestionably the railway commission, which was created by an amendment to the constitution, has no power to fix rates. Therefore, we demand that the governor shall call an extra session of the legislature and that that body shall establish maximum rates upon grain, live stock, fruit, vegetables, building material, fuel and such kindred products as enter into the necessities of life.

This is an ex post facto plank. It was scarcely published to the world before the federal court for the district of Nebraska rendered a decision to the effect that the railway commission, created by amendment to the constitution of this state, has power to fix rates, and that the federal courts will not interfere with the exercise of that power so long as it does not exceed the proper scope of the commission, nor overstep the limits of reasonable rates.

The commission has fixed a new schedule of cream rates in Nebraska, which is in effect and operation, and it has taken up rates in a number of other cases for the relief of complainants. More than this, however, the last legislature, by its republican majority, enacted laws establishing maximum rates upon grain, live stock, building materials, fuel and such kindred products, reducing them 15 per cent from what had previously been charged, and railroad patrons shipping these products between Nebraska points are now enjoying the benefits of these reductions.

The railroads, it is true, are still contesting the power and authority of the commission to fix or alter rates for the transportation of certain products, on the ground that the charges for these shipments between local points are part of a rate for interstate shipments and cannot be changed without necessarily affecting interstate shipments, whose regulation belongs exclusively to congress. The contention of the railroad lawyers questions not only the power of the railway commission to fix these rates, but the power of the legislature as well, and turns wholly upon the line of demarcation between federal and state powers. Until that question is finally settled the legislature would be in no better position to regulate these rates by direct enactment than is the railway commission to regulate them by its order or decree.

This ex post facto plank of the platform adopted by Nebraska democrats might as well be cut off and relegated to the political scrap-heap. Palpably inserted for uncombed, it proved to be a wrong guess at the decision of the court, based upon a hope fostered by the thought. As a bid for votes for the democratic ticket, it is likely, also, to prove to be a wrong guess.

THE PASSING OF BIG GAME.

President Roosevelt's ill-success in finding bear plentiful in the Louisiana canebrakes furnishes an added proof of the fact, distressing as it may be to hunters, that the day of big game in America has almost passed. True, some grizzlies still fatten in the fastnesses of the Rocky mountains, vagrant moose are found in Maine and occasionally an antelope may be shot in Wyoming, Idaho or Montana, but the general proposition holds that the seeker for what the huntman designates as "big game" will hereafter be compelled to go far afield. The buffalo has vanished from the western plains—incidentally, the plains have also vanished—elk, bear, deer, the pugnacious cougar and the intrepid lion, the cowardly coyote and the big grey wolf have retreated before the march of the range man, the timber locator and the actual settler. The bones of the bison that once bleached and whitened along the line of the overland trail have turned to fertilizer for the wheat fields of the great west and northwest, and he who would harken to the call of the wild has a tedious search before him.

Much has been written by nature-loving students in an agitation for the preservation of the certain species of wild animals once common in the Transmissourian region. The passing of the buffalo has been lamented in printed pages and special effort has been made for its preservation, but the results have been far from satisfactory. As a matter of fact, the American buffalo has succumbed to the logic of events. While the animal was valuable for its hide and its meat, the economy of an advancing civilization has demanded its extinction, or, at least, its supplanting by the more profitable and more tractable cow of commerce. The ranges that were once usurped by the buffalo, the wolves and other wild animals are now covered with cattle and sheep, and a never-failing source of wealth for the settlers of the west and an important factor in the commerce of the world. For every wild animal that has been destroyed or driven from the west perhaps ten domesticated animals have come instead, performing their allotted function in the commercial and social economy of the time.

In the very nature of things, efforts to preserve "big game" must prove disappointing. While deer, buffalo, moose, elk and other former monarchs of the plains and forests may be granted immunity from the hunter's gun and find refuge and safety in game preserves, they must lose the spirit of their kind when they lose their liberty and their fear of man. Hunting game in a preserve surrounded by farms, factories and trolley lines no more approaches the real sport than catching bass in a seine. While it is desirable that efforts be made to protect and preserve fur-bearing animals, that play their important part in modern commerce, efforts to preserve "big game" must prove disappointing. While deer, buffalo, moose, elk and other former monarchs of the plains and forests may be granted immunity from the hunter's gun and find refuge and safety in game preserves, they must lose the spirit of their kind when they lose their liberty and their fear of man. Hunting game in a preserve surrounded by farms, factories and trolley lines no more approaches the real sport than catching bass in a seine. While it is desirable that efforts be made to protect and preserve fur-bearing animals, that play their important part in modern commerce, efforts to preserve "big game" must prove disappointing.

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OMAHA AS A HOME CITY.

The growth and prosperity of the modern city depends upon several factors, not the least of which is its attractiveness as a place to live in. That Omaha can rightfully claim to be a city of beautiful homes is amply borne out by the collection of photographic reproductions of Omaha residences accompanying this issue of The Bee. Omaha may be fortunate or unfortunate in counting among its inhabitants none of overshadowing wealth, revealing in lavish extravagances, but it makes up for this lack by its larger number of happily-housed families enjoying all the comforts of home. These handsome houses are to be found in nearly every residence section and measure the pride which the owners take in the city of their choice.

A pictorial exhibit like this cannot fail to make an impression upon our own people who have not fully realized what advances Omaha has made in the last few years as a home city. It cannot fail to impress similarly visitors and outside acquaintances, to whose attention it may be brought by revealing to them architectural achievements and picturesque beauties appealing to their better natures. By sending copies of this edition of The Bee to people in other towns you can show them the home side of Omaha in a way sure to prove effective in advertising one of the best features of Omaha and still further promoting its expansion and development.

MODERNIZE THE PORTRAITS.

Those who have seen the array of governors' portraits hanging in the outer office of the governor of Nebraska will be interested in an announcement to the effect that Governor Hoch of Kansas has banished a similar collection from his office in the state house. The governor's action has been pronounced sacrilegious by many loyal Kansans, and so would such action on the part of the executive of Nebraska. Yet it must be admitted that the criticism which applies to the Kansas group also applies to the Nebraska array, namely, that the portraits present such wild variety and motley air that the general public should not be forced to gaze upon the pictures unless it is in search of such diversions—Lincoln Star.

The banishment of the governors' portraits from the outer walls of the executive office would be sacrilege, indeed, but why should not this picture gallery be modernized and made more realistic for the edification of admiring art connoisseurs? Some of the existing specimens present life-like similitudes which could not be improved upon, yet there are others that could easily be made to tell a stirring story in themselves. King James I might be portrayed in the role and habiliments of his illustrious namesake and Governor Furnas as the great farmer-showman standing between pumpkins on one side and apples on the other. A fine background for a new portrait of Governor Holcomb could be made of the contents of that famous cigar box, and Governor Poynter might be set upon a pedestal of insurance policies. His accident, Ezra I, would look most natural behind a pile of poker chips and a full hand, while his successor, Governor Mickey, should be posed as a Methodist elder, reaching out pardons to a row of hardened criminals. If the possibilities of that gubernatorial portrait gallery were fully exploited, the state could make much money by fixing hours for public inspection and charging an admission at the door.

DEATH OF MARY J. HOLMES.

The death of Mary J. Holmes will cause many a man and woman of middle age to pause in reverie over the dreams inspired by that woman in her novels, which were all the rage a generation ago. Mrs. Holmes belonged to a by-gone age in fiction, but with the older set, those who read her love stories as they came hot and smoking from her pen, there will remain a question whether action has not suffered by the change. Mrs. Holmes never bothered herself or her readers about "problem" stories. She ignored psychological studies and wasted no time or space on soul throbs and affinities. She was a builder of palaces of dreams, in which lovers "lived happily ever afterwards," no matter how many obstacles had to be overcome to reach the door. She may not have possessed the technique, now so essential by writers of up-to-date fiction, but she knew how to grasp and hold the attention of her readers from the opening sentence to the close of the last chapter.

Perhaps the man or woman who would advocate Mary J. Holmes' novels for club reading in this "advanced" day would be quickly snubbed to silence, but the fact remains that she possessed a merit that is not conspicuous in the modern day novel. They were always wholesome, because the villain was always foiled. The reader closed the book with belief in goodness enlarged, faith in the ultimate triumph of truth and virtue strengthened and an inspiration to better things encouraged. Perhaps "Lena Rivers," "Tempest and Sunshine," and others gave the scores of books written by Mrs. Holmes, are too simple and virtuous for this neurotic age, although some 2,000,000 of them have been sold and they are still in demand. Possibly her stories were crude, but they were human and sojacing, and that cannot be said for the bulk of the fiction forced upon the reading public today.

Senator Platt's express company has declared a semi-annual dividend of \$3 a share, an increase of 50 per cent over last year. Senator Platt will be in his old seat in the senate this winter armed with endless reasons against the parcel post system proposed by Postmaster General Meyer.

Chicago saloon keepers propose to refuse to sell drinks to men who indulge to excess, providing the wives of the lusers will furnish photographs of the marked men. It is going to take more than vanity to induce a Chicago man to have his photograph taken after that.

Omaha has made its Horse Show a success, notwithstanding the abandonment of the Horse Show at Kansas City and other points upon the circuit compelled us to go it alone. Give the promoters of the Omaha Horse Show a big ribbon.

"I think Secretary Root is the wisest man in the world today on matters relating to the affairs of nations and statesmanship," says Congressman Watson of Indiana—who plainly does not like Senator Beveridge very well.

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EPISCOPALIANS AND DIVORCE.

The extent to which the Episcopal clergy may go in their opposition to easy divorces and the refusal to perform the marriage ceremony for divorced persons was pretty clearly defined by the general Episcopal convention recently ended at Richmond. The venerable Bishop Doane of Albany has for several years agitated the adoption by the Episcopal church of the Roman Catholic view of marriage as a sacrament and opposing divorce or remarriage of either party to a divorce proceeding. The Albany bishop has had the support of a considerable faction of the church and the leaders of the movement against divorces among Episcopalians are also the leaders in the various states. The efforts of these advocates are now centered on one proposition—a law in every state prohibiting the granting of a divorce to any applicant from another state except on grounds which would have been cause for a divorce in the state from which the petition came. Such a law would promptly break up the divorce colonies that have made some states infamous and would do much to lessen the evils of cheap divorce and easy remarriage.

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A bunch of forty goats took possession of the state of a church on Long Island and gave the solemn service a leaning variation. Seeing the choir in action and the deacon preparing for business, the animals turned and fled.

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to make up the deficiency now that its attention has been called to it.

Even so careful an editor as Colonel Harvey will let a good item slip into his publication occasionally. The current number of Harper's Weekly contains a very complimentary reference to President Roosevelt.

Richard Canfield, for years the boss gambler of New York, has retired. He admits that he was afraid that if he did not quit he might eventually become mean enough to go into the Wall street game.

Congressman Foster of Vermont says he is for Speaker Cannon for president. Mr. Foster should state what committee chairmanship he would like to get at the opening of congress.

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