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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.

"I am not a professional talker," says Governor Johnson, Whom can he be driving at?

From now on Collector of Internal Revenue Ross Hammond will collect the collector's salary.

"Clothes should match, the hair," says a fashion writer. A little tough on the bald-headed man.

worthy authority, Mr. Groundhog, the state capitol. backbone of winter is broken.

Former Governor Beckham of Kenfrom politics. The Kentucky legislature beat him to it.

Otis Skinner says that the theater is the hand-maiden to nature." Its relation to art varies according to companies and seasons.

It is well to discount these complaints of hard times. Eggs and diamonds are both coming down to something like reasonable prices.

Cockran to change politics again.

Mr. Hearst refuses to support either of the old parties. In the coming poknown as the party of the third part.

Oklahoma killed that bill requiring him. bed sheets in hotels to be nine feet long, as soon as it was discovered that the state was for Taft instead of for Fairbanks.

Dr. Parkhurst wants Governor Hughes to remove Mayor McClellan of New York. Dr. Parkburst and W. R. Hearst occasionally agree on some publie question.

"Mr. Cannon is too old to be president," says the San Francisco Call. None appreciates his age more than Mr. Cannon, but he likes his joke.

Complaint is made that American women spend more money for millinery than for missions. Naturally, costs a milliner more to live than it into charges that a submarine boat does a missionary.

A veracious chronicler has discovered that King Edward "never wears able number of its members had been a nightcap on his head." He may influenced by corrupt methods. The have adopted the American plan of investigation has been in progress for wearing his nightcap under his belt.

Senator Lodge says he does not like the Aldrich bill, but will vote for it. The senator would do better if he would frame a bill which the people would like more than the Aldrich measure.

Pity the poor express companies doing business in Nebraska, according to their exhibits, at a constant loss. It is a wonder that they have not long ago shut up shop and pulled out of the state.

This claim that it is impossible to approached by one of the lobbyists that Johnson shall not run. discover the identity of the Kentucky with a promise to get him a place on night riders is all nonsense. Why don't the police round up all the men who are found sleeping in the daytime?

reached the police board that every- to be exerted, has testified that he did thing that is served in a teacup in not know the boat company's repre-Omaha restaurants on Sunday is not sentative and it also developed that been presented to congress protesting necessarily tea. Beware of the Sab- Hobson had been assured his place on against the construction of four batbath breaking teacui

HARRIMAN AND THE PRESIDENT.

The democratic newspapers declar- | made ing that the president is attempting to make a truce with the railroads, because of his recommendation that Mr. Harriman's ratiroad system be reimmoney advanced in impounding the Colorado river, are, either unwittingly or maliciously, distorting the facts.

river broke loose from its banks and for a time threatened to inundate the entire Imperial valley in California. The government, by a system of irrigation, had reclaimed thousands of acres of most fertile lands in this valley, peopled with prosperous farmers the Colorado river threatened to convert the valley into an inland sea. The dent Roosevelt appealed to Mr. Harris the river back into its banks. Time congressional legislation. was an essential element of the situation. The railroad was equipped for the work, while the government was not. The damage would all have been wrought before the government could get men and machinery on the ground

for the work. On this representation, the railroad controlled by Mr. Harriman undertook the task. One of the greatest battles between the elements and engineering skill was fought and the engineers won. Vouchers of the railroad company show that the work cost something more than \$1,600,000. No claim is made that the expenditure is that the bill is right and has asked or better yet, to several of them. congress to pay it and no political capand above board business transaction.

PENNSYLVANIA GRAFTERS.

fortunate judicial records in the past, art. come generally to accept the proposihas been selected for punishment while should be sent back for revision. the real bneficiaries of the corrupt of the new building and three former president? state officials have been found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the state in

boldly, all through the trial, that mil- delayed. lions were taken from the state treasury and divided among contractors and official favorites. William P. Snyder, former auditor general; Wil- the department and then seek rein- newspaper motives and all other motives, liam L. Mathues, former state treasurer, and James M. Shumaker, former same salary basis as new men. The superintendent of buildings and Tammany has quarrelled with grounds, were shown to have conspired Bourke Cockran and will not allow him to secure money for Contractor Santo return to congress. It is up to derson, on faise bills of lading, padded time they please and receive the same invoices, fraudulent measurements pay they were getting when they left. and other crooked methods. The very nature of the disbursements was proof that the contractor could not litical campaign he intends to be have secured the money above his due without the co-operation of the state officials indicted and found guilty with

Four men are already in the way of paying the consequences of the most gigantic loot of recent years, and ten others are under indictment for complicity in the fraud. The verdict already returned means much for the state of Pennsylvania. Although much like closing the stable door after the disappearance of the horse, it is a notice that public contractors and public officials must in the future respect their obligations and the rights of the people and that the public treasury is not to be raided with immunity.

THE SUBMARINE BOAT SCANDAL.

Disappointment evidently awaits those who expected the investigation company had been using unlawful means of influencing legislation to show that congress or any consideraseveral weeks and every opportunity offered to those making charges to present the proofs. As yet nothing has been developed except that one of the submarine boat companies kept representatives, familiarly known as "lobbyists," at Washington to secure contracts from the government. Nothing has been offered to show that any of the efforts of this lobby proved pro-

tion when he testified that he had been the naval committee, if he would favor the contract of the company. It is now put forth as much effort to clean needless to say Mr. Hobson refused the the streets as he has put forth to se-A well defined rumor seems to have the influence in Hobson's behalf was something to show for it. the naval affairs comittee before the tleships. The wishes of the other they should quarrel.

ductive of results.

offer from the boat company was

Submarine boat companies and other concerns having business with the government, keep their representatives at Washington all the year round, just bursed to the extent of \$1,600,000 for as commercial concerns keep their Taft. traveling salesmen in the field looking for orders. The extent to which these representatives influence legislation is In December, 1996, the Colorado problematical, but clearly it is usually want Mr. Harrimen to divide with them overestimated. It has been many years since the old system of corrupting congressmen and buying legislation has found place in Washington. The membership is too large and the checks on legislation too many to make possible for long the successful opera- the man with a case of beer in his cellar and fruit growers. The overflow of tion of corrupt lobbyists. As a gen- is a brewery. eral rule, there is less of this class of work in Washington than in the aver-Southern Pacific was building a great age state capital during a session of the dam, to protect its property, and Presi- legislature. The investigation in progress will serve a good purpose if it man to use the railroad forces and ma- demonstrates the comparative insigterial, aiready on the ground, to whip nificance of the lobby influence on

ART.

The protest made to the Board of Education by J. Laurie Wallace against the acceptance of the bronze statue to be erected on the high school grounds, to pay for which the for the job. school children were employed to solicit the funds, rests on the inartistic

character of the work. When a man is sick he takes the advice of his physician and when he has a law suit he consults an attorney, and so in this case, not knowing much about art, we would prefer to submit to the judgment of some recognized excessive. The president is convinced artist of standing, like Mr. Wallace,

We do not hesitate to say, however, ital can be made out of such a plain that if the proposed statue is an artistic monstrosity instead of an aesthetic thing of beauty, the high school grounds is the last place where The verdict of guilty against four it should be exposed to view to permen charged with the wholesale loot vert the artistic sensibilities of the of public funds in connection with the rising generation. What the school construction of the Pennsylvania state children are taught about art either capitol building at Harrisburg will by class room instruction or ocular have a reassuring effect upon the pub- object lessons should at least conform lic mind, which has, by reason of un- to the accepted requirements of real

Where artists disagree, of course, tion that it is impossible to convict we will be at a loss to decide, but if 'the man higher up.'" It has been too the proposed statue cannot get a faoften the case that some scapegoat vorable verdict from an art jury it

By the way, why should we have to practices have escaped unscathed. In go all the way to Vienna to have a the Pennsylvania case, the contractor statute made of America's martyred

Over in Chicago they are checking According to that eminently trust- constructing and furnishing the new up the churches and the public halls as well as the public and private No more outrageous charge of dis- schools on the score of fire risk and honesty has ever been the subject of accessibility of exits. The example vince the jury that the defendants had been determination by an American court, should be promptly followed by tucky has announced his retirement Evidence was offered that the state Omaha. An inspection of every buildcapitol, under a contract for \$4,000,- ing in which any considerable num-900, finally cost in excess of \$13,000,- ber of people congregate whose lives 000. Over against a defense pitiably would be endangered by fire is The answer to it, as made at Harrisburg, efforts, and there are none to dispute his would be brought out in still greater conunconvincing, the facts stood out urgently demanded and should not be is perhaps more directly to the point than leadership in the state of his father's trast. And the strength of a candidate

> The police board has made a rule that all firemen who voluntarily leave statement must come back on the same rule for the police department the idea that they can return any

be found that the American voters will have elected William Howard Taft president of the United States," said Congressman Dalzell in an address to the Yale Alumni association. From past experiences, Congressman Dalzell knows that the Pennsylvania favorite son candidate is usually left at the post,

Mayor "Jim" is reported to have been caught in the collapse of the New York to Chicago Ten-Hour Electric railway ain bubble. Whatever else may be said about Mayor "Jim," he was always known to be a game loser who never squealed when the other fellow raked in the pot.

"The brightest man," says Dr. Forbes Ross of London, "is the man who comes late to work because he has overslept himself." The world would be full of bright men if employers would only share Dr. Ross' views on the subject of sleeping,

The office of collector of internal revenue for the district of Nebraska has been transferred from the outgoing incumbent to the incoming incumbent without seriously disturbing the political equilibrium. Who would have thought it possible?

The senate proposes to add 612 officers to the regular army. If the senate is not careful the United States will be like some of the Latin-American countries that have more officers than privates in the standing army...

Governor Johnson of Minnesota says Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, he will decide this month whether or one of the members of the naval com- not he will run for the presidency. mittee, promised something of a sensa- Governor Johnson is taking too much time. Mr. Bryan has already decided

If the street commissioner would offer of influence. Speaker Cannon, cure an order for the co-operation of supposed to be the person upon whom the police department, he might have

A petition signed by 400 persons has

79,999,600 Americans have not been ascertained.

Hitching Up to a Live One, Chicago Tribune. Nebraska, having no son of its own who has any chance whatever, has declared for

Real Test of Hope. Chicago Record-Herald. Those Union Pacific stockholders who are probably destined to be the proprietors of a long-felt want.

Modern Discoveries.

Indianapolis News. A Nebraska judge has decided that a sideboard is a saloon. One of these days a bright legal mind may discover that

No Room for Amendment. Boston Transcript.

It is difficult to say anything original n praise of mothers, as President Roosevelt probably found in preparing his ad dress on the subject, but his classification of them as the "supreme asset of the nation" is so handsome that it needs no originality to proclaim it.

Coyneas of Candidates.

Baltimore American. Governor Johnson of Minnesota has coyly admitted that he will accept the presidential nomination. It is the coyness about these little admissions that adds to their piquancy. Barkises are all willing-none of them are actively looking

> Congressional Buffoonry. Philadelphia Record

Congressmen may be pardoned for saying foolish things, but not for saying silly ones. The member who recited eight lines of limping doggerel in which wretched puns were attempted on the names of the candidates for the presidential nomination, beginning with "a cannon must first be shot off," ought to be sent to an asylum for the feeble-minded. A school boy would deserve a flogging for the effort which is reputed to have set the House of Representatives to laughing.

The Tragedy of Folly.

Boston Transcript. The old danger of keeping firearms at the bedside was shockingly demonstrated in Washington Friday morning. The wife, who had risen to attend to the child, was shot by her husband as she was re-entering the bedroom. In the drowsiness between sleep and waking, instinct is most unreasoning, and nothing is more instinctive at such a time than the impulse towards self-defense. Between ridiculous blunders and tragedies such as this one the difference often lies in the presence or absence of firearms. In a household where the members are "up and down" during the night, the only safe method is that of the cautious lawyer who bought an expensive revolver which he kept locked n his office safe.

GRAFTING AND THE NEWSPAPERS Legal Motto; "When You Have Bad Case, Denounce the Press."

, St. Louis Republic. In the trial of Pennsylvania capitol grafters at Harrisburg the most marked feature of the case except the final verdict of conviction was the violent arraignment of the newspapers by the attorneys for the defense. They attempted to conforced into court with their liberty at stake and their reputation destroyed by the wish of newspapers to creete a sensation at any

This appeal is familiar in such cases. any yet presented to a jury. It was an admission that but for the newspapers the defendants at the bar probably would have had no accounting to make with turies or with courts. It waived the question of except those recited in the indictment, to explain the methods by which it was charged that the public had been plundered. Finally the jruy was impressed would deter officers from quitting with with its responsibility of deciding under the law and on the evidence whether crimes had been committed, as charged,

by the men named in the indictment. As since reported the verdict in Harris burg shows the same result as when St "In November next I am sure it will Louis juries have had an opportunity to meet their responsibility under the law and on the evidence against grafting. They gave the public's verdict that it must and shall stop.

PARTNERS IN BUSINESS.

Dependent Relations of Capital and Labor. Washington Post.

Even if Edward H. Harriman were far worse man than his enemies say he is, he is a practical man, and his recent utterances upon the partnership of capital and labor is one of the strongest presentations of the wise economy that should maintain at this time. Where is the man who can successfully

ontrovert this proposition? "Just now we are hearing about the wage problem. But do people appreciate that, with a given opportunity for the development of business, the more - we have to pay for capital the less there is to pay for wages? I am not referring to the scale of wages, but to the amount we can spend for wages. In order to get capital on reasonable terms, we have got to have good credit, and credit must be maintained by surplus earnings. There is

the whole thing in a nutshell." Mr. Harriman then points out that the men who manage the railroads are not the capatiliets, but that the security holders who advance the money to railroad enterprises are the capitalists and that writing about the tariff with a cob the partners of the wage-earners who operate the roads.

The soundness of this suggestion must be acknowledged by all:

"It is quite obvious that restriction of remarked that the three Boston democrats business brings about uneconomical conditions throughout the industrial structure. When men are working on part time, or under limitations as to hours and conditions, there is a tremendous waste in earning capacity and productive energy. The whole fabric of industry contracts. There is less money to be spent Civil wars, and in June, 1863, was commisby the workers, and consequently less busi- sioned a brigadier general. His chief serness to be done to supply the wants they vice was in fighting guerrillas of northern

can afford." So it follows that business is good bad, according as consumption is great or small. In times of stress consumption contracts, and that inevitably makes for

smaller dividends and lower wages. Mr. Mitchell, perhaps the best authority in the country on the subject, predicts a great strike of coal miners on April 1. It will be a sore calamity if the events shall cares. justify his prophecy. The coal mine is dependent on all the industries that employ steam as a motor. Just now many industries are laboring under difficulties. That necessarily means less profit to the coal operator, and less profit to him means less

wage to his labor.

Bouquets.

Man Behind the Oil Can. Lincoln Journal.

Good nature marked the course of the republican state convention. The only chance for a row was over the attempt of Mr. Rosewater to become national commit teeman as well as delegate-at-large, and that was avoided by throwing the job, as usual, upon the delegation. The fact became apparent early in the proceedings that the young man succeeded in becoming very nearly the whole thing in this convention. His conciliatory policy secures support from all quarters, and the suspicion that he may use a rapier on occasion makes men with political ambition fear to oppose him. Shrewdness, industry and sweet oil helped by an occasional nonchalant twirl of the big stick, have apparently made him a real party leader in the state, a position his father spent an embittered life trying in vain to reach.

The Reason Why-Of Course.

Bradshaw Republican. Victor Rosewater takes great delight in reprinting elippings from the one or two isolated rural papers whom he has sucdeeded in persuading to speak favorably of him as one of the delegates to the national convention, always setting forth that representative men must be chosen.

A Smooth-Running Machine,

Omaha Examiner The republican party of Nebraska is now a happy reunited family, thanks to the magnetic persuasiveness of the now acknowledged boss, Victor Rosewater, It was a glorious day of sunshine for the republican aggregation, which now has smoothly-running machine, with an experlenced chauffeur. As the elder Rosewater used to say: Nuff

Thrown with the Left Hand.

York Republican, Victor Rosewater is some shrewd. All in, down and out, during the last big political excitement, he smilingly bobs up at the top of the heap this year. By rights there is no particular reason why he should be allowed to attend the republican national convention in the capacity of a delegate this year. He doesn't represent the progressive element of the party in this state, not by a long shot. But that is not saying that "Vic" will not be one of the delegates. As remarked in the beginning, Victor Rosewater is some shrewd.

From Edgar Howard's Posy Garden.

Columbus Telegram (dem.). They said Victor Rosewater would never be able to take the place of his father as leader of Nebraska republicans. They said he had neither the nerve nor the brains to take that place. But Victor has disappointed the sayers. He has made good. He is today the undisputed leader of his party in this state. To his genius, ability and energy is due the overwhelming success of the Taft-Roosevelt program in Nebraska. It may be true that a United States senator is the party leader in one section of leader in some congressional district, but did not bother to go to the polls." it is a settled fact that in the state as a whole Victor Rosewater is the undisputed dences of the trend of American sentiment leader. Nebraska may send one of its senators, some of its congressmen and its governor to the national republican convention, but there will be one Nebraskan there who will have more to do with making the nominations, more to do with writing the platform than all the others on ing the platform than all the others on country. the delegation from this state. That man will be Victor Rosewater. And his honors have been fairly earned. He has fought by comparison with the delegates whom for them and fought well. He is a mag- any other candidate is getting outside that nificent manager of a cause unworthy of his | man's own state, the unevenness of the race labors and fame.

Never a Doubt from the First.

Lincoln Star. Victor Rosewater's cleverness and ability were displayed throughout the convention. and there was never a doubt, from the time the first delegate arrived in Omaha, that this young editor would succeed in getting a place on the delegation. Rosewater's upon the table. The delegation will do that, and such was Rosewater's desire. He hopes to be the national committeeman, and if he lands this place he will be more firmly fixed in the party organization,

> Still There Are Others. Kearney Hub.

The World-Herald declares that Victor Rosewater dominated the republican state convention, and "aided by the old railroad machine," made good his promise to deliver the delegation for Taft. All of which is rot. Not one man, but many men, dominated the state convention. Mr. Rosewater got the delegateship. Some other things that he would have done were not presidential candidate. Nebraska republicans have selected these delegates under definite and binding instructions, the same being agreeable to the candidates, and if old railroad machine it is hardly perceptible to the naked eye.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The opening of a poetry department in the catch the bards of spring.

The French academy declined a gift of \$20,000 to improve the moral tone of Paris. Doubtless they couldn't see how the money could be applied to the effective. "And each gephyr dances to us with a

rosebud in its mouth," warbles a southern editor. It is hard to figure a man like pipe in his mouth. At a recent dinner which Congressman Gardner gave the Massachusetts delegation

at his Washington home, Mrs. Gardner were all bachelors. "Oh," said Senator Lodge, her father, "that is to show their opposition to the president's policies." General Odon Guitar, veteran of two wars, lawyer and politician, died in Columbus, Mo., Thursday, aged 81 years. He rendered

distinguished service in the Mexican and the Missouri. The Emperor of Austria makes the plain ness of his fare something of a hobby, attributing to it, his long life and good health. Milk porridge for breakfast, a little cold poultry and cheese for luncheon, and an

equally simple menu for dinner satisfy this

Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

Scotch broth is the only soup for which he

How Would Second Place Do? Cleveland Leader,

Governor Johnson is getting so much kindly mention it may be that the demo cratic convention at Denver will honor him with an offer of the vice presidential nomi-It is so obvious that capital and labor nation. If he accepts it meekly, who have a mutual interest that it is the knows but that the state of Minnesota will economic mystery of the mysteries that give a fourth or even a third of its votes to his party?



IS THE CONTEST OVER!

Taft Tide Apparently Too Strong to Be Checked.

Boston Transcript (rep.). It is entirely possible that by April 16 which will mark the culmination of the struggle over the election of delegates at large from Massachusetts, the situation will be much like that in 1840 in this state, as described by the National Intelligencer of that time.

States then actually voted for president on different days, just as they now choose delegates at diffferent times. Massachusetts' election day came on the second Monday of November. New York, which voted a week earlier, had supported William Henry Harrison, with enough other states scattered along to make it clear that he had been elected.

Torchlight processions celebrating his success had paraded Massachusetts' streets before our voters went to the polls to express their own preference. It was not strange, in these circumstances, that the great Washington organ of that day should solemnly announce: "Several thousand the state, and that some congressman is a aged and infirm whigs in Massachusetts

It will be contrary to all present evi-

If a summary were made of the delegates whom Taft is getting outside his own state, away from home is the real test of his carrying qualities.

A GUARANTEE OF PEACE.

Tour of the Battleship Fleet Around the World. Buffalo Express.

The United States battleship fleet i to go clear around the world. How many strength in the convention was also shown who read this announcement remember when a motion to have the convention that this voyage will be the greatest name the national committeeman was laid spectacle of its kind Neptune ever saw? Greater fleets have made shorter voyages; Rojestvensky's slow parade toward disaster was a memorable movement of a great armada. But a voyage around the world by a homogeneous fleet of sixteen battleships of modern type will be a spectacle For the like of which the world has never

No other nation than our own would care, probably, to send such a fleet off on a on a cheat, on a cheat, as a matter of course we straddle a horse tour around the world. Most countries probably, to send such a fleet off on a tour around the world. Most countries would feel it necessary to keep their fleets closer at hand. But Uncle Sam sends forth and or the white, his biggest collection of fighting ships on a voyage that will fast months and that has for its object visiting and not fighting.

about the continuation of the voyage: "It is a guarantee of the peace of the world." aton of peace; their long voyage is an there is any comfort to be gained by the announcement that they can be spared away from home.

Shining Consolation. Brooklyn Eagle

It will be good news to the army of th unemployed that at least one commodity congressional record was put in time to is likely to be reduced in price. Trust magnates, having quarreled, diamonds may be 50 per cent cheaper.

SMILING BUMARIES.

"Say," specred the huildeg, "you don't know much about scientific fighting, do you?"

/"Perhaps not," replied the porcupine; "however, if you want to try a little bout with me I think I can give you a few points."—Philadelphia Press.

Ascum—Say, what is the difference between a fourth-class and a third-class post-office, do you know?

Wise—Well, is the former the postmaster always finds time to read all the postal cards himself; in the latter, sometimes he doesn't.—Baltimore American. Twenty thousand dollars had been bequesthed "to uplift the morals of France."

The tender was promptly rejected.
"Our view in the case," said the authorities firmly, "is that the sum mentioned couldn't do anything to morals but corrupt them."—Philadelphia Ledger. Nelle-If you don't love Jack, why don't

Nelle—If you don't as likely as not to fall in love with him the minute I did it? No, thank you I don't care.—Cleveland Leuder. "Is she beautiful?"
"Don't know anything about her; it's the first time she has ever visited here."
"But you ought to be able to tell if she is beautiful or not?" "Do you suppose I can look at a girl's face and tell what her bank account is"

Chicago Record-Herald.

"I suppose that ever since the mouse xisted it has been a source of terror to women."
"Yes," answered the professor; "the mouse may be classed as one of our pre-hysterical animals."—Washington Star.

Sweet Thing-What is that man doing who is lying under the automobile in that Surcastic Brute-Why, can't you see he s picking daisles?-Baltimore American. HORSE ARTILLERY MAN'S SONG.

We're only a rooky regiment, we've got our spurs to win, But when the country gives the word we are ready to start in;
And when from Maine to Oregon the call
to battle runs
You can bet your stack it will be answered
back by the thunder of our guns.

CHORUS. Oh, the booming of our guns is heard in front of the cavalry screen, And the searlet of our guiden on the skirstorm redoubts with doughboys, our repertoire is large, when our ammunition's gone we limber up and charge,

Can call on the Sixth artillery if he's anxious for a fight.
CHORUS,

done. He counted as one republican, and he does not deliver any delegate to any office made this statement when it heard and when the hike is ended our work is the continuation of the voyage:
a guarantee of the peace of the
The big warships are on a mispeace; their long voyage is an exempt that they can be spared

The continuation of the voyage:

Just begun:
We groom the horses, clean the guns and polish the harness up.
And then about 9:30 p. m. on government straight we sup.

CHORUS.

> I don't care where the regiment goes, I've got three years to do, A-wandering around the universe from Cuba to Cebu. Cuba to Cebu.
>
> If it's work all night or march or fight, it's all the same to me.
>
> For that's the way we look at things in the Sixth artillery. -By Officer of the Sixth Artillery. Fort Riley, Kansas,

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