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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.

The weather man has earned a place on street cleaning pay roll.

La Porte is furnishing facts more strange than the regular output of Indiana fiction.

Admiral Schley promises to be a good press agent for Omaha when he returns to the east.

A New York man swallowed a watch spring and an administrator is now winding up his affairs.

Republican delegates are showing a disposition to be for any candidate, so long as the candidate is Taft.

Democrats have already decided that Mr. Bryan will carry Ohio. He always does in the summer months.

"What will be the result of the fleet's visit," asks the San Francisco Chronicle. Headaches, for a starter.

The railroad kings and high financiers are shouting, "Let us alone!" It is an old cry with violators of the law.

Mr. Bryan says he has learned to feel at home in New York. He is now anxious to learn to feel at home in Washington.

"Nelson W. Aldrich is the only candid republican leader," says Colonel Watterson. The colonel means canned instead of candid.

President Roosevelt has been criticized for speaking of "My people," but he has never been guilty of referring to "My congress."

Minister Wu Ting-fang is advising his countrymen to obey their wives. He wants to see the Chinese become more like Americans.

Russia has bought five new battleships and will begin to feel like a naval power as soon as it can buy some good commanders and sailors.

The crop-killer is meeting all kinds of difficulties in Nebraska this year. Nature is apparently taking pleasure in killing the crop-killer.

Speaker Cannon is said to have forgotten all about a recent birthday anniversary. The speaker is infringing on a feminine prerogative.

In Philadelphia a marriage was caused by a cup of coffee. That's a reversal from the usual form where coffee furnishes grounds for divorce.

Statistics show that \$3,000,000 drinks were sold in Washington last year. Still, some folks contend that congress has not been doing anything.

Senator "Jeff" Davis should take notice that physicians have discovered a method of removing the venom from the tongues of certain dangerous vipers.

A proposition to build a wall along the boundary line between the United States and Canada should not be encouraged. The tariff wall answers the purpose.

Mr. Bryan may not go to the Denver convention, but he will doubtless have a trusty friend telephone to him frequently as to what Roger Sullivan and Judge Parker are doing.

Speaking of the signs of returning prosperity, a Paris cable announces that Mrs. James Stillman of New York bought thirty hats in one day from a Parisian milliner.

THE DRIFT TO TAFT.

The work of selecting delegates to the republican national convention at Chicago will be ended with Saturday of this week, under the rules adopted by the national convention. The result to date eliminates all question of Mr. Taft's commanding lead and the certainty of his nomination.

The political developments of a month illustrate the drift of republican sentiment of the nation to Mr. Taft. The statement issued by the managers of Mr. Taft's campaign on April 11 showed 231 delegates pledged to Mr. Taft.

May 9 shows that Mr. Taft has 417 directly pledged, with a total of 554 assured, while but 491 are required to nominate. Eliminating all the unstructured not known to be favorable to Mr. Taft, the conventions of the week will place him with considerably more than 500 delegates absolutely pledged to his candidacy in the convention on June 16.

Even if the war secretary's following was not so large and enthusiastic, the hopelessness of the opposition uniting on any other candidate would make his nomination certain. Some of the states that have instructed their delegates for favorite sons will, after the preliminary ballot, cast their votes for Mr. Taft.

INCREASING RAILROAD RATES.

It would seem hardly necessary for the president to be called upon to deny the report that, through the Interstate Commerce commission, the administration has agreed to the proposal of the railroad presidents of the country to allow an advance in freight rates, in order to reimburse the railroads for the losses they are alleged to have sustained during the recent industrial and business depression.

The railroad presidents appear, however, to have decided to increase freight rates about 10 per cent, although no time has been announced for placing the new rates into effect. They estimate that the increased rate will add about \$200,000,000 a year to the railroad revenues and they insist that they must have this additional income or cut wages or go into the hands of receivers.

It has explained the difficulties of rush-hour traffic and the obstacles to uninterrupted service in stress emergencies. It has uncovered the shady business of the "shyster" lawyer and false claimants, who endeavor corruptly to profit by the inherent difficulties of transportation in a large city.

Finally, it has tried to indicate how the company and the traveling public could be mutually benefited and has invited suggestions, criticisms and complaints. What is the most striking about this publicity campaign is the different attitude it discloses on the part of great public service corporations than was taken by them as a whole up to within a few years.

The managers of public service corporations are gradually realizing that they can accomplish more by taking the public into their confidence than by bidding defiance and resisting every public demand, right or wrong, and they are also realizing that the best way to keep in touch with patrons and public is by judicious advertising publicity.

"If we cannot elect Bryan, we can elect no one," says the Louisville Courier-Journal. "Mr. Bryan cannot be elected," says the New York World. "Bryan, if nominated at Denver, is scheduled for certain defeat," says the New York World.

Colombia wants \$10,000,000 damages because, it alleges, Uncle Sam aided the Panama revolution. Colombia should file its claim against William Nelson Cromwell and the three members of the junta who "arose as one man" and cast off the Colombian yoke.

Senator Blythe boasted that he would carry Texas by 100,000 as a vindication of his record and leadership. He scraped through by a majority of less than 16,000. A few more vindications of that kind and he will find himself in the minority.

A man has been adjudged insane in Washington because he tried to make a speech from the house gallery. He must have been crazy to try to make a speech from the gallery or the floor without getting permission from Mr. Cannon.

"Our whole system of government is antiquated and utterly inadequate," says a Boston lecturer, who seems to be out of his element. He should be writing editorials for the New York Sun.

The Methodist general conference at Baltimore will consider the "time limit" on pastors. The question refers to the length of the parson's stay at a church and not to the length of his sermons.

Chicago is to have a conference of reformers who want better provisions made for the care and treatment of convicts. Provision for the better care and treatment of the wives and children of convicts would also help.

In spite of ordinances and warnings the automobilists are taking too many risks of maiming pedestrians on the crowded streets. Plans are apparently being laid for having the next automobile show held in the police court.

The pastor of a church at La Porte, Ind., recently commended Mrs. Guinness as "a woman of great courage and determination." Her private graveyard proves it.

A proposition has been made to print newspapers on black paper, using white ink. It would be appropriate for the Commoner to try the experiment in its issue just after election.

A census report shows that wages are higher in Nebraska and other states in the west than they are east of the Alleghenies. Come west, young man, and grow up with the pay check.

Where, Oh Where? Indianapolis News. Only a few days ago the news came that we were to have a bumper winter wheat crop and now New York has jumped the price 3 cents because the crop is short. Where do we get off?

Jobs Await Him. Washington Herald. As strenuous as Mr. Roosevelt has been in the last few years it is as nothing to what he will have to be if he does everything he is credited with an intention to do immediately after he retires from the presidency.

Lures to Pass By. St. Louis Times. Persons of sound mind and a bit of experience take these matrimony notices for what they are worth and pass on, but there are, unfortunately, a large number of persons yet on earth who are lured by this cheap type of dangerous fakery.

The Spirit of Peace. Baltimore American. In the celebrations of Memorial day in Philadelphia public school orators were to be cautioned against reviewing the gory details of battles of the civil war. This course is to be commended. After all, it is the spirit of peace and rest, of which Memorial day is commemorative, of those who gave up their lives in the struggle, not the struggle nor its causes.

Jeff as a Lightning Calculator. Springfield Republican. It is always well to be exact in matters of fact. Senator Jeff Davis meets this requirement without flinching in his calculation that the monopoly plutocrats have robbed the American people of \$2,000,000,000—more trillions than were within the memory of living men.

Reckless Waste of Life. St. Louis Globe Democrat. In the last seventeen years over 22,000 men have lost their lives in American mines. The rate is 2.40 per cent in the United States, in Great Britain 1.29, and in Belgium and France each less than 1 per cent.

Evans is credited with being the author of several sayings of picturesque proportion current in the navy. While at Vauxhall he is said to have informed the town authorities that if his sailors were molested he would "make 'em smell of garlick."

Early in 1822 he rounded up a particularly elusive Canadian poacher in Bering sea. Boarding the sloop Evans found the skipper wrapped with the British flag and flier red whiskers. The spectacle started Evans and he concluded he had run against a human pillar of fire.

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"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS' CAREER

Last of the Civil War Officers to Step Aside.

There is no more interesting personality in the United States navy than rear admiral Robley D. Evans, who rounded out a notable career as a seaman by commanding the famous battle fleet in its journey from Hampton Roads to San Francisco.

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Humorous anecdotes and short stories. Text: "LINES TO A LAUGH. 'So you are going to run a strictly partisan publication?' 'I am.' 'What will its motto be?' 'All the news printed to fit.'—Philadelphia Press. 'Why do you wish to be a street car conductor when you grow up, my boy?' asked the minister. 'Because they always have such nice, dirty hands,' said the small boy who observed things.—Detroit Free Press. 'Did you ask that man why he paid rent instead of owning his own home?' asked one real estate agent. 'Yes, answered the other. 'He said he didn't. He kept moving.'—Chicago Record-Herald. 'George, you'd better speak to father tonight.' 'Why, dearest?' 'When you're unusually cheerful, the conductor forgot to ask him for his fare.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer. 'Some men,' said Uncle Eben, 'is like an alarm clock. You know, dier, remind me to do this or that, but you does hate to listen to 'em.'—Washington Star. 'Old skinkfin bit the dust last night.' 'Why, how'd it happen?' 'I owed him twenty and paid it in gold; he bit it to see if it was good.'—Houston Post. Mr. Singler—Do you wonder that new tune just haunts me? 'Mind your own business after the way you've murdered it.'—Smart Set. 'I knew of a tired, old brain worker who went to a photographer instead of a doctor. 'What did he do that for?' 'Because he heard the photographer had a good head rest.'—Baltimore American. 'Your friend Grigby is a very queer and very inconsistent sort of a man, Hiram.' 'How so, dear?' 'At the base ball game today the crowd yelled for the umpire and when I asked Mr. Grigby why they wanted to kill the umpire, he replied because the umpire was a dead one.'—Baltimore American.

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