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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 Haytien outlook is still dark.

Prepare your New Year's resolutions early.

No one objects to Santa Claus doing a night-riding stunt.

Anyway, Senator Foraker has not been "mentioned" for a cabinet posi-

Mrs. Carrie Catt has got her back up, and called the president a tree

egg eliminated Jay Gould, jr., is taking a course in

have had experience in taking fliers. Conditions in the far east may be

different when China gets strong enough to open or close its own door. There are 116 vacancies in the ca-

If Castro really has \$60,000,000

and is looking for a home he would be welcomed by congenial spirits in Wall street. If Mr. Cannon has his way there

will be standing pat room only in the house when the tariff revision bill comes up. It may be noticed that all of the opposition to Mr. Bryan being a can-

by democrats. Champ Clark is certain to make a record as the minority leader in the next March, will pass a bill which clear, President Roosevelt and Mr. house at Washington, Champ is a

didate again in 1912 is being shown

for turning a deficit into a surplus is The statement is an assurance that no canal enterprise. going to have a first lien on the sup- matter what influences may attempt connected with the enterprise, from port of the people.

natural insurgent.

ers," says Admiral Evans. That's by the republican party and endorsed record presents a showing of which equivalent to declaring that Hobson and intensified by him. Mr. Taft's all Americans should be proud. is not a navy man.

Mr. Roosevelt's assailants in the Panama canal case will observe that and he is clearly determined to make he did not use up all his ginger in the presidential campaign.

"Kissing will remove freckles," says a physician. Possibly, but the fact holds no encouragement to those of us who are not freekled. "Why do hens quit laying when

eggs are 35 cents a dozen?" asks a Brooklyn paper. Probably because eggs are 35 cents a dozen when hens quit laying. A London paper refers to the kaiser

his experience with the Reichstag the kaiser doubtless feels more like a dashed young man, "

an appetite for beer.

of Commerce and Labor calls atten- called, know this and are showing for Prof. Simkovitch, who evidently tion to the fact that our foreign-born that they know it. population is not increasing as rap-American stork is not on a strike.

Bee (without Sunday), one year \$4.00 prominence and influence in that section that will scale down the duties that Daily Bee (including Sunday), per week..15c
Daily Bee (without Sunday), per week..16c
Evening Bee (without Sunday), per week..16c
Evening Bee (with Sunday), per week..16c
Evening Bee (without Sunday), per week..16 whose utterances heed should be paid. the Chicago platform. should exist in any part of Nebraska, and yet the ground for resentment felt by the people who have built up the empire west of the hundredth meridian is natural. Many times in the past The Bee has called public attention to ditions that were established in Nebraska at a time when practically the whole state west of North Platte was 'unorganized territory."

In the matter of legislative apporglaring. Representation in the legis- shown in many ways, in jurors who gible from the standpoint of a man to lature of Nebraska at present is based on a census taken in 1885. The popu- in officials who pleaded the constitulation of Nebraska has not only increased many fold since that date, but to answer questions in the courts, in its center has shifted and there is no 16...... 37,960 its center has shifted and there is no 17....... 37,190 fairness in the continuation of the re18...... 36,870 sult of that census. The constitution 19.......... 36,890 of the state provides that the legisla-21..........37,000 tive apportionment can only be made 22..........37.060 after a census has been taken, and 23...... 37,010 that a census can only be taken by the state on the half decade year. Four 36,940 opportunities to make this apportion-27..........37,140 ment have been neglected by the legislature, and it is impossible that a remedy can be applied by the coming session.

So the people of western Nebraska will be compelled for at least two more sessions of the general assembly to patiently bear the wrong of which they complain. But they must not think that this condition voices the attitude of the people of the eastern part of the state. The general interests of Nebraska are the same from the Missouri river to the Wyoming line and from South Dakota to Kansas, and there should be no division of opinion along geographical lines. The traditional North and South Platte separation has been the occasion of a tremendous amount of political mischief in Nebraska in the past and it should be wiped out. A man should be selected for office, not because he comes from a particular section of the state, but because he is qualified for the position to which he aspires or is appointed. The interests of the people of the "unorganized territory west of Logan county" in Nebraska are identical with those of the people of Omaha or any other community along the river. Taxes are levied against property through the same means and are ex-Venezuela without Castro would be all of the people have had a voice. The another case of the omelet with the government of the state exists for all

The danger of the segregation of aeronautics. Most of the Goulds secession of its inhabitants is remote. It is absurd that a senator of Nebraska sible twenty-five years ago. The vigwhom the writer of the letter referred achievement and believes that at the ent unfair apportionment for legislative purposes.

FOR REAL TARIFF REVISION. and other republican leaders in congress, he is convinced that the special session of congress, to be called in shall provide for a thorough revision Cromwell have performed a distinct of the tariff on the basis of the plat- service in properly branding as false form of the republican party, will be the loosely drawn charges against the The congress that devises a plan cheering news to the whole people, administration's part in the Panama "Navy men are never fluent speak- do his utmost to fill the pledges made tion of any American citizen and this policy on the question of tariff revision was enunciated long before he was a candidate for the presidency

good on his promises to the people. vantage when the tariff revision pro- tion of precious metals for that pegram is called for consideration in riod. Compared with 1907 there was congress. He is in position to demand a decrease of \$4,000,000 in gold, that the party's pledges be made good, \$1,000,000 in silver and \$4,000,000 in and failure to respond to that demand copper will rest upon the congressmen who will have to report to their people in the middle of Mr. Taft's administration. The present mood of the country is emphatically in favor of a real revision of the tariff and even the production was \$103,000,000 above most ardent standpatters in the senate that of 1907 and the ofl output was as "a dashing young man." Since and house must appreciate this fact. \$28,000,000 greater. The total value Speaker Cannon and some of his im- of metallic and non-metallic products A Georgia man says he has invented disposition to co-operate with the a healthy showing of \$10,000,000,000 a nonintoxicating beverage that tastes president in carrying out the pledges added to the nation's wealth during exactly like beer. Still, you never of the party platform. Few congressthink of a Georgia colonel as having men will care to go home and face an election with the brand of treachery to party promise burned into their Robert Burns did not write "Auld

The hearings now being held by the idly as the native population. The ways and means committee of the

ation to the house in the next congress. nent, but one that deserves careful bill prepared as a result of the presthe Unorganized Territory West of Lo- and may be changed entirely. The selves again. gan County," is a man not only of promise is, however, for legislation tion, but also well known throughout are too high, reduce the protection no the state, whose name is permanently longer needed to prosperous indusfixed to the history of the state as the tries and fulfill the obligations of the author of some of its best laws and to party to the people, as promised in

THE CONVICTION OF RUEF.

The conviction of Abraham Ruef, a political boss of San Francisco, on a charge of bribery, marks the first step toward success in the ending of the corrupt ring which has held San Francisco in its grasp for many years. The the injustice of continuing certain conhas been the most sensational in many years in the history of attempts at municipal reform. The defendants have had resources which apparently extended to every class of citizens in Union Pacific as a result of the "panic" tionment alone this injustice is most San Francisco. This influence was was so small as to be entirely negliadmitted that they had been bribed, tional privilege as excuse for failing personal attacks on the men prosecuting the cases and in decisions setting the accused men at liberty after they had entered pleas of guilty.

> How much truth there may be in the report that many of the men who it? have been most active in the prosecution of Ruef and his associates have themesives been connected with corporation cliques for the looting of the red-hot public sentiment against grafting and corruption in high places which has been created in San Francisco and which promises to ultimately result in a much-needed, although long-delayed, municipal house

THE PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL. William Nelson Cromwell has comoleted the work of President Roosevelt in cutting short, tieing up and putting away on the shelf a most unpleasant and disgraceful rumor to the effect that certain officials of the American government were parties to eral millions of dollars of the amount its participants how to run. paid to the French company by this government in securing the transfer of rights, franchises and holdings in French government and French com- class.

panies were distributed among the members of a syndicate formed for the purpose of handling the deal. Mr. Cromwell denies explicitly any such syndicate ever had an existence, and pended by officers in whose choosing he denounces as wholly false all of the charges made by the newspapers concerning corruption in connection with the deal.

It should be remembered that the the "panhandle" of Nebraska, or the entire Panama canal question was investigated by a senate committee, in 1906, under the direction of Senator should not know of the wonderful Morgan of Alabama, a bitter opponent progress that has been made in those of the Panama route. It was develcounties that were considered impos- oped in that inquiry that the United States made the offer of \$40,000,000 orous and energetic citizenship of for the property and franchises of the French company, Of this amount detships at West Point. The army to is a splendid representative, has \$25,000,000 was paid to the old Panservice does not appeal in times of wrought wonders in that region and ama Canal company, \$12,000,000 to America and Japan were said to be the ments to the constitution, they may be deserves the utmost credit. The Bee the new French company and \$3,000,congratulates these people on their 000 held awaiting final disposition. the method of which was in litigation proper time justice will be done to in the courts of France. The testi- than the former. them. It must be remembered always mony before the hearing also showed that Douglas county suffers equally that Mr. Cromwell had received a fee with the "unorganized territory west of something near \$1,000,000 and of Logan county" because of the pres- that J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., acting as fiscal agents of the French government and the French Panama company, received commissions amounting to about \$35,000. There is no Mr. Taft's public statement that, record or even tangible hint that any after a conference with Mr. Cannon other person or firm in this country received any money or emolument

> whatever for the transaction. For the sake of keeping the record to interfere with the action of the its inception to the present day, is on

> > AMERICA'S MINERAL PRODUCTION.

The annual report of the geological survey for the fiscal year ending with June, 1908, contains some surprising Mr. Taft will have a distinct ad- information concerning the produc-

While there was a falling off in the production of the money metals, an increase was shown in every other line of mineral production. The increase in pig fron was \$24,000,000. The coal mediate followers in the house under- in 1907 was in excess of \$2,000,000,stand the public sentiment on the 000, which added to the \$8,000,000,question and are already showing a 000 produced on the farms furnishes the year.

One Prof. Simkovitch declares that Secretary Straus of the Department records. The "reactionaries," so- Lang Syne." That will be about all wants the advertising.

The democrats can look with conhouse will only serve as a recommend- siderable jubilation on the promise cording to the Florida Times-Union. spiritual peers. The elected peers would

made by Auditor Searle that the state The letter from western Nebraska That committee may decide upon a debt, which was piled up under the published in The Bee is not only perti- hearing of its own. In any event, the former popocratic administration of Nebraska affairs, will be wiped out by consideration. The writer of the let- ent hearings will be subject to amend- July 1 next. This will give the demoter, who signs himself "A Citizen of ment when it is reported to the house crats an opportunity to throw them-

While the corn show is getting its share of attention in Omaha the fruit show at Council Bluffs is not being neglected. A wonderfully fine array of fruits is on display across the river and prizes are being competed for as eagerly by the orchardists as they are in Omaha by the field farmers.

Nebraska farmers are to have a series of lectures by experts from the agricultural department and these experts will find the Nebraska farmers eager to listen and ready to assimilate any new ideas, for farming in Nebraska is rapidly rising to the condition of a fine art.

According to Mr. Harriman's figures the reduction in the revenues of the whom an item of some \$7,000,000 was

A Boston man has sued the minister who performed the marriage ceremony for him for a return of the portion of the fee, alleging that "the service was not worth the price." Wonder what his wife thinks about measures of practical benefit have passed

Adlai Stevenson is going to make a contest of the gubernatorial election in Illinois. He is probably anxious to National university bill. The liquor license city does not enter into the case at keep his name before the public as a present. The conviction of Ruef is preliminary to making a fight for the only incidental to the existence of a nomination for vice president in 1912.

> The implement men of South Dakota have resolved that the newspapers are the best of advertising mediums. It only remains now for the implement men to put into practice the precept endorsed.

Douglas county pioneers move along in an unobtrusive way, but their moding under public notice. The early settlers of this country deserve all they are likely to get.

Mr. Bryan says he has never cared much for foot ball. Still, it might or cognizant of a deal by which sev- have helped him, as the game teaches

mas shopper, but it is still possible the Panama canal property from the for you to get into the near-early

You Won't Be Lonesome.

Baltimore Sun. Says Taft to the south: "Come on in; he water's fine."

Chose an Idle Moment. Cleveland Plain Dealer. That counterfeiter who surrendered to the United States authorities by telephone no doubt would have been greatly annoyed

if told the line was busy.

St. Louis Globe Democrat. The National Corn exposition at Omaha will be open until December 19. More than and with the exception of three amendhalf the states are represented and the ments in 1873 and one in 1888 it remains toothers will be sorry for themselves when they discover the extent and interesting relates to ministers it creates no imperial nature of the big show.

Potent Guarantee of Peace. New York Tribune

A little while ago relations between

Ananias Candidate Balks.

Indianapolis News. From it all we conclude that one is not ompelled to accept an election to the Ananias club, and that unless there is an acceptance, express or implied, the elecion does not become effective. It is well that it should be within the power of the citizen to decline so distinguished an

Economy Must Be Practiced.

onor.

New York Tribune That the national administration appre iates the temper in which the budget making should be approached is indicated by the election were much more favorable to the stitution by the czar, the suitan or the republican party in general than to the shah." party in congress. The public is likely to e unusually critical of its work in producing this year's budget, for the need of economy is vividly before the minds of the next congress, Mr. Taft is going to file in Washington, open to the inspec- people by reason of the cutting down of expenses that business has had to resort to, and of the attention that has been attracted in the wastefulness of municipal covernment.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Richard C. Kerens of Missour! spen \$59,570 in his campaign for the United States enate at the November primaries. He got left besides. Even in the excitement of congress and

victed a land thief. President Roosevelt has accepted honorsociety and a portrait of the president, painted by A. Benzinger, has been pre

sented to the society. In a recent speech Mayor Hibbard of Boston declared that the city is giving away annually to public service corporations, without anything tangible in return, \$1,000.

H. P. Ingalls, said to be the last of the group of old-time showmen that included Barnum, Forepaugh and John Robinson, the elder, died at his home in Huntsville, O. He was 82 years old. Infirmities of age caused his death. One of the most interesting characters

at the American Mining congress was Mrs.

Nellie Upham of Colorado, who, through a special dispensation, represented the District of Columbia, where she formerly lived, and where her husband, Dr. M. S. an hereditary right to sit in that house in Florida, Mrs. S. F. J. Linn, the socialist of the remainder of the house the majority candidate for state superintendent of would consist of life peers selected by the

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It would leave the Liberals, as at present.

hopelessly in the minerity, and the so-

istry will not challenge the country on the

house, and should the mending come at all

Carrie Nation's advent into Great Britian

is peculiarly well timed. The petticoat

she is hopelessly outclassed in youth,

em in Ireland, whereby several existing

ing Trinity of Dublin, now, as heretofore

representing the interests of the estab-

lished church. Royal letters patent have

just been issued giving practical effect to

legislation which ends an acute educational

grievance and puts a large score to the

FRAGMENTS OF FUN.

"I wish my dentist wasn't so realistic," said Mrs. Jenner Lee Ondego. "He calls his dental parlor his drawing room,"—Chicago Tribune.

"What shall be done with out ex-presi-

"This continent has problems enough of its own," said the statesman. "Let Africa worry about that for a while."—Washington Star.

"What is Pegasus?"
"The only horse in the world," an-wered the poet, "that can live without ats."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Indignant Citizen—Your boy just threw a stone at me and barely missed me!
Mr. Brown—You say he missed you?
Indignant Citizen—That's what I understood myself to remark.
Mr. Brown—Then it wasn't my boy.—St. Louis Times.

The youthful George Washington had just declared that he couldn't tell a lie.
"How would it look," he said, "for a futere president of the United States to be eligible for membership in an Ananias club?"

Thereupon he trimmed the cherry tree he had cut down, and proceeded to make a big stick out of it.—Chicago Tribune.

"Only a notice that the people have sen-tenced you to death." replied his faithful secretary, "but nothing worth mention-

"Good," exclaimed the shah, his swarthy face breaking into a smile. "I had beer

'Any mail this morning" asked the shah

credit of Irish nationalism.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

the present moment is in a pitiable plight. Coming into power with an overwhelming majority, the party has striven manfully to redeem its pledges to the people. Many the Commons, but comparatively few have received the sanction of the House of plexion of the body would not be altered. Lords. Only two measures of general importance received the sanction of the peers -the old age pension bill and the Irish called "interests" fortified against radical reforms. It is apparent the present minreform measure, on which the ministry staked much, was recently rejected by the old issue of "ending or mending" the upper peers with peculiarly defiant emphasis. The second education bill, designed to secuit must come from within. larize national schools throughout the kingdom, failed to secure sufficient support to justify pressing it to passage, and it was withdrawn. These measures constituted warrior of Kansas scents trouble from afar, the minsterial legislative program for the and when she cannot conveniently butt present session, and their defeat leaves only into trouble started by others, she starts a routine measures for consideration. From bunch of trouble by herself. Evidently a party standpoint, the situation is deshe scented the reaction in England and moralizing. Failure to redeem pledges saw an opening for fresh notoriety. Unforshakes public confidence to an extent that tunately for her reputation as a smasher. most observers think an appeal to the counesty will not prevent them from com- try on the rejected measures would result beauty, vocal power and scrappy talent in defeat. The liberals have gained so by her English sisters. The recent affair heavily at the general election that it in the House of Commons, where suffracould forego much of its advance without gettes chained themselves to the gallery endangering its normal strength, Scores grill and hooted the members, and lately of bye-elections, supposed to reflect public at Albert hall, London, where they howled sentiment in spots, went against the liband groaned at a representative of the erals. Each local victory stiffened the ministry, attacked policemen with whips, backbone of the peers, so much so that and started a "rough house" surpassing the dominant tory majority give scant conthe best record of Topeka, clearly puts sideration to liberal party measures and the Kansas smasher in the kindergarten boldly challenge the ministry to a test of class. Carrie is a gentle May breeze compublic sentiment by a general election pared with the suffragist cyclone,

ministry will accept the challenge. Mean-

while, failing to produce expected results,

the various factions of the party are drift-

ing apart, and accentuating the embarrass-

ments of the ministry.

There is no indication that the Asquith is learning new tricks for her trade.

The divine right of the German emperor promises to become a magnificent lift. Five proposals are pending in the Reichstag, each aiming to secure such constitutional changes as will result in ministerial responsibility to Parliament. The vital feature of the proposed amendments would divest the emperor of supreme power and vest it in the ministry created by and respensible to the Reichstag. The present constitution was made by Bismarck in 1870, day precisely as he made it. So far as it cabinet. The only federal or imperial minter is the chancellor. He has subordinates, but no colleagues. He is not responsible criminally, and he is responsible politically to nobody but the sovereign. As for amendchief menace to the world's peace. New proposed by the Reichstag, but must be they are declared to be its most potent actually made by the Bundesrath. In the guarantee. We are inclined to think that latter body the negative vote of the seventhe latter estimate is far more accurate teen Prussian representatives constitutes an absolute veto upon any change in the constitution, and those seventeen members are appointed by the emperor, or by the king of Prussia, and their votes are all cast for them by the chancellor precisely as he pleases. In brief, any change in the constitution or in the imperial laws relating to the army, the navy or taxation is utterly impossible without the assent of the emperor. "It is, of course, possible," says the New York Tribune, "that if the Reichstag should by a substantial majority present a request for a constitutional amendment establishing a responsible ministry-it has never yet thus made any request for a constitutional amendment of any kind-the Bundesrath would grant it. nstructions to various departments against But it is obvious that such a grant would salary raising. Congress should exhibit a be in fact a personal grant from the emimilar spirit. The results of the last national peror, just as much as the grant of a con-

Weather conditions are not often classed as factors in the peace of the world. Just now the weather is applauded as a practical peace-maker. Winter has turned cose in the Balkans with sufficient force to effectually chill the ardor of warriors sobbing for gore. Meanwhile, diplomacy is energetically at work striving for a satisfactory solution of the problem. Every day that passes without a border conflict makes for peace, but within the past week there has developed a much more positive force making for an amicable adjustment Rumors from Vienna of a restraining hand held out by the old emperor upon his turbulent heir and ambitious foreign minother untoward events, it is worth while ister have become more and more definite, until it is generally accepted in Europe as to notice that the government has cona fact that the Austria-Hungarian policy has suddenly become a pacific one. Not ary membership in the Chicago Historical only was the threatened withdrawal of the Austrian ambassador from Constantinople forgotten, but still more significant is the announcement from the Vienna Foreign office that there are no insuperable diffi culties in the way of a settlement, and that Austria is only awaiting the framing of the formula upon which all powers are to agree upon a conference. Emperor Francis Joseph wisely exerts every available influence to avert a conflict which would sadden and shadow the December of

The commission appointed by the British House of Lords, for the purpose of considering changes in that body, proposes radical reconstruction of the elements of its make-up. Most important of the changes recommended is the abolition of the principle that all noblemen of certain rank have and to make the majority of the house The only woman who ever ran for office elective for a single parliamentary term. schools, received nearly 4,600 votes. She crown for distinguished services and qualihad 1.55 votes more to her credit than the fications. There would also be represencandidate for governor on that ticket, ac- trives of the chief colonies and a few

be chosen by the entire body of the peerage. This would transform the theoretical constitution of the House of Lords, but Intelligence Office Manager-I have would leave its actual personal composition servant here now, madam, but she's dumb.
Madam—Oh, a dumb girl wouldn't answer
at all.—Boston Transcript. little changed, save by the formal exclusion of a great many peers who are now entitled to sit, but beldom exercise that privilege. TOYLAND DAYS. The proposed new body would include all the best of the present members with some infusion of new blood. The political com-

Detroit Free Press. Treading lanes that lead today
Into Toyland, wondrous fair,
Hand in hand we go our way
To the home of Teddy bears;
To the iand of Noan 8 ark,
To the camps of soldlers tin,
Where no day is ever dark. Where no day is ever dark, And where only young get in.

Young of heart and young of years
Hand in hand together stray,
Vanished are all cares or fears,
This the season of play.
Now we dance adown the lanes,
Filied with laughter and delight,
Naught of worry here remains,
Toyland days are always bright.

Where the china dollie dwells, Where the china dollie dwells,
Now a-visiting we go;
Laughter sweet as chime of bells
Sets our pulses all aglow.
Eyes are bright and open wide.
Lips are always smiling there;
Love, the boy who acts as guide,
Leads us into wonders rare.

Now we wander in and out
Lanes of tinsel and of paint;
Here are brownies strangely stout,
Here are little ladies quaint;
Here are dolls of wondrous size,
Wooed by soldlers gay and bold;
Here's a land of great surprise,
More than ever could be told.

Little laughing boy of mine,
Soon, too soon, you'll older grow,
And these journeys you'll resign;
Toyland never more will know
You again, or hear your shout
Till the day a baby hand
Steals in yours to lead you out
To the joys of toy-shop land.



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