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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.

Hurry up, girls! There are still a few eligible bachelors in Omaha.

The consumer will have difficulty in discovering any grounds for a coffee tax.

Pittsburg is apparently the center of the American steel and steel industries.

It is no wonder that Pittsburg politicians are anxious to get into the city haul.

Castro has been divorced from Venezuela, but he collected his alimony in advance.

The trouble with Mr. Harriman just now is plain indigestion and not indigestible securities.

There's a hearsay report to the effect that a dangerous counterfeit \$200-bill is in circulation.

Which reminds us that reducing telephone rates also reduces the city's income from the 2 per cent royalty.

Nebraska is a pretty good place to live in. It is free from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves and mauls.

General Bell declares that the American army is antiquated, but it is pretty certain that no other nation will attempt to prove it.

Senator Elkins has bought a Washington bank, evidently considering it a better investment than the purchase of an Italian duke.

It is but fair to state that there are other people in Pittsburg besides millionaires, grafters and candidates for the United States senate.

Mr. Gmelch still insists that he has been elected lieutenant governor of Missouri, but the courts will have to decide whether he has or not.

Prof. Ferrero says that President Roosevelt is a dual personality, but some congressmen are certain that there are more than two of him.

There are said to be 17,000 vacant houses in Glasgow. The owners ought to move them to Omaha, where they would have little trouble in renting them.

The Porto Ricans want a tax of 5 cents a pound on all coffee except that raised in Porto Rico. It is always the other fellow's business that should be taxed.

Doubtless congress would be willing to remove the tariff on the made-in-Germany muzzles for chief executives if it thought they could be used in this country.

Cuba's new president does not understand English, so he will probably have an excuse ready at hand when he violates the provisions of the Platt amendment.

Champ Clark says that the democratic members of the house are not agreed upon their plans for tariff revision. It is natural for democrats to be unentitled.

When it comes down to business, those boastful Jacksonians will be like the man who rolls his fat in his pocket. They will not even have a candidate to contest with Mayor Jim for his second term nomination.

ITALY'S GREAT CALAMITY.

The whole civilized world is appalled at the great calamity which has been brought upon southern Italy by a destructive earthquake.

Instead of showing that the loss of life and property indicated by the first reports were exaggerated, later information seems to disclose additional devastation and greater fatalities than originally estimated.

In the face of such an awful visitation of nature no human preventives or precautions can avail to ward off the death-dealing blow, but relief and rescue from further danger or exposure become the immediate and pressing task.

This work of relief and rescue is already under way and, so far as outside help may be required, the philanthropic and humanitarian spirit of the more favored people of the United States may be counted on to assist.

The American National Red Cross society has already opened subscription lists, for the contributions to which we bespeak liberal response.

CHEAP TALK.

Talk has always been proverbially cheap, but the prospects are that in Omaha talk will be cheaper yet. This line of cheap talk is not to be confined to the hot air variety, nor yet to the political oratory which on occasions is to be had without price of admission.

In this particular instance talk is becoming cheaper because the State Railway commission, which has been given jurisdiction over voice traffic as well as passenger traffic, insists that the free pass must go, whether in the form of free trial telephone service or free corporeal transportation.

The only question yet to develop is whether the reduced tariff on talk is to be general or merely local, and whether the people who would not talk for nothing when trial telephone service was offered will now pay for the privilege under the allotment of bargain figures.

TO PREVENT IMITATIONS.

Congressman Hull of Iowa has offered a bill in congress making it a misdemeanor to manufacture for sale or transportation in this country "imitated articles of commerce unless such articles are so made as to show the exact materials used in making."

The bill furnishes another illustration of the distorted ideas of enforcing pure food and anti-imitation laws, by confounding trademarks with terms that have become recognized as standards.

The best French peas in the world are raised in this country, just as the richest English mutton chops are furnished by Montana-grown sheep and the finest Scotch whisky is made at Peoria.

Pittsburg makes a French plate glass that is admittedly superior to the imported article and the New England woolen mills turn out English, Scotch and Canadian tweeds that can not be equalled anywhere.

The consumer is entitled to protection against fraudulent attempts at trafficking upon an established reputation and is assured of this protection under the trademark and copyright laws, but there is no occasion for attempting to punish manufacturers for putting articles on the market under a designation that simply insures its standard, so long as the article carries full value and no deception is practiced in its sale.

THE NATION'S NAVAL RATING.

"The Navy Year Book," compiled by the clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, gives the United States second place among sea powers, being second only to Great Britain.

The London News tells how Carrie Nation pointed her finger at a Dundee barkeeper and told him that he sold poison and was a naughty man. It is possible that Carrie is qualifying for admission to the Mollycoddie club?

The contest over the house clerkship in the impending Nebraska legislature is resolving itself into a question whether the members prefer to have the bills read in a tremulous voice or in a basso profundo.

Senator Dick of Ohio is working against the re-election of his old college chum, Senator Foraker. Senator Dick can see a bandwagon at a long distance without the use of glasses.

Mr. Carnegie's reference to Judge Gary of the Steel trust as "a pawky chiel" is being interpreted in many different ways. As a matter of fact, it is Scotch for "a smooth guy."

A Kansas City man reports that he lost \$410 on his way home the night before Christmas. What business has a man with that much money the night before Christmas?

A deaf mute in New York has been sued for divorce, his wife alleging that

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SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULTS. First National Bank of Omaha. Thirteenth and Farnam Sts. Entrance to Safety Deposit Vaults is on 13th street.

In the necessity of restoring to direct taxation for a large part of their revenue, and secondly, in the fruitfulness of revenue from the tax on corporations, Pennsylvania has been something of a pioneer in this latter method of state taxation.

Two white rhinoceroses will be the object of President Roosevelt's search in his hunting trip in Africa, according to Major Edgar A. Mearns, who will accompany him on his journey.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Police men in Chicago are clamoring for an increase in pay, and Chief Shipley has recommended that salaries be raised to the scale that New York pays, from \$1,800 for a patrolman of long service to \$2,500 for inspectors.

Catania is the capital of the province of Catania, and the third largest city in Sicily, being outranked in population by Palermo and Messina.

Horace E. Bixby, who, with his 82 years, is the oldest pilot on the Mississippi, is still at the wheel. For nearly 60 years he has piloted crafts on the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas and Red rivers.

SUNNY GEMS.

"It ought to be easy for a beauty doctor to be a philosopher."

"Because it is his business always to put a good face on the subject.—Baltimore American."

"See here!" demanded the indignant subscriber, "this obituary notice is all wrong. I'm not coming over this way?"

"Bystander—What makes that cow perambulate in coming over? It's all wrong. I'm not coming over this way?"

"It is a mystery to me why you prefer brunettes to blondes."

"Funny about women, isn't it?"

"Your husband seems so gloomy, Mrs. Smith. Is he a melancholy?"

"My husband is so very unreasonable."

"He fixed a fishhook in one of his pockets because he pretended to be a fisherman."

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"I'm not hitting at her," replied his mother. "Keep quiet."

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