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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.

Omaha's Poultry show has taken wing. Castro must be chastened to hear how well Venezuela is getting along without him.

Omaha broke 80 many records in 1908 that it will have to go some to do better in 1909.

Even the astronomers at the Lowell observatory report that their business is looking up this year.

The goosebone prophet who foretold a long and exceedingly cold winter may now begin preparing his explanation.

Castro says he proposes to spend the rest of his days in Berlin. There's no objection, unless it comes from Berlin.

The opening of the base ball season will be the real New Year's day for a large proportion of the population.

Mr. Roosevelt would like to capture a white rhinoceros in Africa. Chances are he would not look at a white elephant.

"Should actresses marry?" asks a French paper. How else could they get the divorces they need for advertising purposes?

If you have anything to say to the Kaiser, you may now send him a letter for 2 cents, a saving of 3 cents from the old rate.

Naval officers are now to be required to ride horseback, as a test of their fitness. That ought to be easy for horse marines.

No one will question but that State Representative Stoecker wrote his pronouncements as a candidate for speaker all by himself.

"Millionaires smile rarely," says Mr. Carnegie. Same may be said of those who get into business competition with millionaires.

The accused Tennessee night riders have failed to prove their alibis. The next line of defense will probably be an appeal to brainstroms.

"There are three parties to every divorce case, the plaintiff, the defendant and the public," says the Brooklyn Eagle. Add one for the co-respondent.

Paris has just been visited by a terrific snowstorm. We felt something of that kind would happen after President Fallieres had his whiskers pulled.

Mayor Jim may yet have an opponent for re-nomination within his own party. So far, however, he is not losing any sleep over those mentioned to date.

The army reports that there are only 200,000 first class rifles in the country and about 250,000 of the obsolete brand. That's an argument for peace.

Can it be possible that those "cats, dogs and other tame animals" on top of the city hall have excited the jealousy of the wild animals within the city hall?

A detective who has been conducting the investigations says there are but six honest men in the Pittsburgh city council, which has ninety-four members. The number is larger than most people had been led to believe.

MR. TAFT IN THE SOUTH.

The enthusiastic welcoming of Mr. Taft to the south, from his reception at Augusta to his latest interchange with a delegation of representative men at Birmingham, has unusual significance.

There is no doubt that the real feeling of the south is voiced in the address inviting Mr. Taft to visit Birmingham, in which General Rufus N. Rhodes, as chairman of the committee said:

I am going to take advantage of this opportunity to say to you that if you knew the heart and the head of the men of the south and particularly of Birmingham, you would know that they regard the result of the last election as a benediction from God Almighty Himself to the people of the south over their protest.

General Rhodes is the veteran editor of one of the biggest and best of the democratic newspapers of the south and his expressions must be accepted as reflecting the best sentiment of the thoughtful men of his section.

Mr. Taft does not hesitate to say that he hopes good may come of his visit by the political breaking up of the south to correspond with the political breaking up of the north making politics a subject of uncertainty, a subject for discussion and independent action throughout the country.

All observers agree that the trend toward republicanism is very marked in the south. The five border states were republican in their aggregate vote last November while in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Arkansas, the republican vote increased to the point where even the democrats recognize that the party has a standing and must be considered a factor in future campaigns.

Two congressmen have been notified that the typewriters they attempted to send to their homes under their congressional franks are being held at the postoffice in Washington awaiting the payment of \$19 in postage on each.

The incident serves to call renewed attention to the abuse of the franking privilege that has grown to be little short of a scandal. The purpose of the frank was to enable members of congress to send their official letters and printed public documents through the mails without the payment of postage.

While the fight is waxing fast and furious as to who is to fill the speaker's chair in Nebraska's coming democratic legislature, the other law-making branch may rest undisturbed in the assurance that it will be under the safe and sane guidance of a republican presiding officer in the person of Lieutenant Governor Hopewell.

Lower rents in Omaha would be highly desirable from every point of view, and so would a more liberal policy on the part of most landlords with reference to repairs and ordinary accommodations to tenants.

CONSOLIDATE THE TAXES. If the coming legislature wants to make a hit with the taxpayers of Omaha and at the same time relieve the official tax gatherer of unnecessary expenditure of time and money, it will consolidate the taxes imposed here on real and personal property for the support of state, county, school and municipal governments.

WHEN SEC. TAFT RESIGNED.

An incident of the Campaign of 1904 and the Outcome. George Griswold Hill in Collier's. That William Howard Taft, who has been chosen by the American people as the next president of the United States, once deliberately and formally resigned from the cabinet of President Roosevelt is a fact known to but few people.

As an autograph collection that registers of legislative lobbyists to be kept at Lincoln by the secretary of state is far from promising to be of either value or interest.

President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, declares that the building of the Panama canal is a waste of money. Mr. Ripley is evidently a victim of environment.

Condensed to the Limit. Chicago News. Uncle Sam is trying to get back 3,000 acres of coal lands alleged to have been taken fraudulently from him in Utah.

Business Before Bath. Chicago Evening Journal. Victor Emmanuel's curt "don't talk nonsense" in reply to a toadying Italian's statement that his majesty's presence in the earthquake district would "console the populace" throws a pleasing side light upon the character of the Italian monarch.

Why Cooks Smile. Chicago Record-Herald. Abe Ruef, the San Francisco boss, has been sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary, but it is explained that it will take at least three years to carry the case up through the various courts that may yet be appealed to.

Crusade Against Food Fakirs. Boston Herald. Dr. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, and the protector of food purity, will be better appreciated because of the enemies he has made.

No Cause for Worry. Philadelphia Record. According to the report of General Bell, chief of staff of the army, the infantry is too weak and the cavalry is superannuated.

The Record Republican. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. In the more remote parts of the world greater danger is to be feared than earthquakes.

SOURCES OF HISTORY. Newspapers Indispensable in the Final Writeup. New York World. At the meeting of the American Historical Association at New York this week, the interesting papers read was that by William Nelson on "American Newspapers of the Eighteenth Century as Sources of History."

That charge of extravagance lodged against the outgoing republican state administration by the democrats in the recent campaign is what is coming back to plague its makers.

DIABSTER'S MIGHTY SCROLL.

Brighter Side of Dark Picture, with Historical Reflections. Louisville Courier-Journal. Wherever human hearts beat with warmth human hearts will feel for Italy and for those who have suffered in the shadow of the south of that fair island.

Brotherhood of Man. Chicago Inter-Ocean. The appalling disaster that fell upon Messina and Reggio, and the neighboring districts of Sicily and Calabria just before the dawn of December 28, has its brighter side to the thoughtful mind.

Practical Sympathy. New York Tribune. The only compensation immediately discernible to the cause of such appalling catastrophes is the almost unselfish outpouring of sympathy in practical forms.

Calamity Makes Whole World Kin. Chicago Tribune. The lines which man has drawn across the world and the language which he has inherited to mark the passing differences of nationality all disappear when such a crushing blow descends on one part of the human kind.

Great Historic Region. New York Evening Post. The country in which earthquakes, flood and fire have spread ruin in one of the great historic regions of the world.

Earthquake Ravages in Italy. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. No inhabited part of the earth's surface is so subject to destructive quakes as the region about the strait of Messina.

Seyla and Charybdis. Washington Star. In those old, old times when gods and goddesses were so very human beings as they felt such primal emotions as love and jealousy it was quite common for them to vent their spleen upon unhappy mortals who offended them by transforming the victims into animals, birds, trees and rocks.

NEW RAILROADS BUILT. Development Chiefly in the Western States. Philadelphia Press. Fewer miles of new railroad track were laid down in the United States in 1908 than in any preceding year since 1897.

WHY TAFT WAS ELECTED. Southern Democrat Suggests an Extraordinary Mission. Charleston News and Courier (dem.). Mr. Bryan says that Mr. Taft was elected through a combination of the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country.

When Sec. Taft resigned. An incident of the Campaign of 1904 and the Outcome. George Griswold Hill in Collier's. That William Howard Taft, who has been chosen by the American people as the next president of the United States, once deliberately and formally resigned from the cabinet of President Roosevelt is a fact known to but few people.

ORATORY SAVES THE PIECES.

Famous Figures of Speech Untouched by Nature's Convulsions. Kansas City Times. Seyla and Charybdis cannot be destroyed. The mere rock that was known as Seyla may have been engulfed.

PERSONAL NOTES. Dr. Edwards, of the Carnegie Institute is now in Shanghai getting ready to make the first magnetic survey of China.

LAUGHING REMARKS. Fluffy Young - He'd like to pre-empt the express on the sea.

Harper Bazar. Garnett, January's gems, mean "Victory and Power."

St. Patrick was driving the snakes out of Ireland. "If you take my advice, young men," he said to the reporters, "you won't write this up—you'll get the reputation of being naive fakery."

THE MONTHS AND THE JEWELS. February, Amethyst rule sweet "Affection."

THE MONTHS AND THE JEWELS. March with Jasper decorates those who are Wise and Bold.

THE MONTHS AND THE JEWELS. April, deep-blue Sapphire reign where "Truth" is bravely told.

THE MONTHS AND THE JEWELS. May, their message is "Good Cheer."

THE MONTHS AND THE JEWELS. June declares "Immortal Life" is clear.