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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.

Not much dead wood among those Nebraska lumbermen. These Marathon races, so-called, are about as exciting as French duels.

Delaware and Michigan are a little slow in killing their peach crops this year. No lawmaker at Lincoln has yet offered a bill prohibiting Nebraska hens from laying cold storage eggs.

"Nobody ought to pay any attention to Senator Foraker's speeches," says a Virginia paper. Does anybody?

"Why Clever Girls Don't Marry" is the title of an article in a London magazine. The answer is that they do.

Washington reports that the Department of Justice is planning to put the new Fertilizer trust into bad odor. The haters who are on a strike are makers of men's hats. The other kind never strike, much less take a vacation.

In the meantime, Omaha has an empty fire engine house while it is paying rent for two other fire engine houses.

"It takes less brains to be an actor than almost anything else," writes an actor in a magazine article. Why the "almost"?

As usual, the excuse for sadding the legislative pay roll with a horde of useless supernumeraries is that "the other fellows did it."

The population of France is increasing rapidly, despite the fact they have more automobiles there than in any other country in the world.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will please note that Mr. Taft has ordered a flock of automobiles for White House use.

The jail at Messina is filled with men caught looting the ruined city. It is pleasing to learn that the jail was not destroyed by the earthquake.

THE TARIFF AND THE DEFICIT.

Some of the standpatters in congress are apparently trying to make capital out of the present condition of the federal finances by using the deficit, which promises to be still larger at the end of the coming fiscal year, as an argument against any radical reduction of existing tariff schedules.

While the government has had one exceedingly lean year in revenues and is having another, these conditions vary from year to year, without seriously disturbing the balances. That there is need of tapping new sources of revenue is generally conceded, but that the need is sufficient to prevent a wholesale revision of the tariff is not apparent.

The government has ample funds to meet the deficit and, in the ordinary run of revenue, will probably have a gain in receipts that will wipe out the deficit and leave surplus in another year or two.

The deficit, it should be remembered, has been caused more by an increase of expenditures than by a falling off in revenues. For the ten-year period ending with June 30, 1907, the government has had surpluses in six years and deficits in four. The total expenditures for the ten years were \$6,832,800,814 and the total receipts \$6,843,603,208, leaving a surplus for the ten years of \$220,802,293.

The improvement of the design and architecture of public buildings is certain to have a beneficial effect upon buildings privately constructed, to which end the American Institute of Architects has been working for many years with gratifying success.

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The bogie of "Rockerfellerism" conjured up by the democratic World-Herald as the defender of the state university, has now been transformed into a menace of "Carnegieism." Which members of the university faculty are suspected of being so weak as to trade their souls for a chance at a pension ten or twenty years hence?

It is now proposed that all bills carrying a platform promise be given first consideration at Lincoln. But which platform? The promises of the democratic platform and the promises of the populist platform, both of which were straddled by all the demops, notoriously conflict. Which is to have precedence?

The time has now gone by when a grand jury can be called for the next term of the district court in Douglas county. The taxpayers may save enough on the grand jury that was never called to pay the salary increases given by the judges to the county attorney's deputies.

Assuming that there is still a question of price turning on the validity of the gas lighting contract, how does that vindicate our city financiers in letting a 7 per cent obligation stand unpaid while loaning the lighting fund to the banks at 2 per cent?

The president's ride has thrown Sheridan and Paul Revere into the shade, and if he will only take his charger and gallop down the steps at the capitol he will put Israel Putnam in the "also ran" class.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

As the world advances to what is regarded as a higher plane of civilization, the highway of the nations is studded with financial deficits. Every nation in the world power class is troubled with an excess of expenditures and a paucity of income.

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The cash settlement of Turkey's suzerainty in Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina repudiates somewhat the empty Ottoman treasury, soothes Turkish pride and renders more remote a warlike conflagration in the Balkans.

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The seizure of a part of the estate of a peer in England by a mob of the unemployed is significant beyond the present deed, as it is in the nature of a climax. The unemployed have for some time been making demonstrations in England. Now they are proceeding to do deeds. Taken in connection with the movement, both parliamentary and popular, against the aristocracy in its exceptional privileges and great landed unproductive estates, it looks as though a serious clash in England between extreme wealth, fortified in its traditions, and extreme poverty, desperate in its needs, were at hand.

A prodigious piece of engineering projected in India is the connecting of Ceylon with the mainland by a bridge. At one point islands on either side of the channel reduce central space to be bridged to thirty-eight miles of shallow water. The bridge would follow the line of a coral reef, and in many places would be practically built on a causeway. The cost is estimated at \$2,300,000, and it is believed that a railroad would pay. Among the advantages looked for is the admission of Ceylon, with her rich tea gardens, to the cheap labor market of South India. Also it is hoped that the development of Ceylon would result in a concentration in India. The Madras government and the Indian railway board are interested in the project.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

A salary of \$100,000 a year ought to bring a larger assortment of presidential timber to the mill four years hence. Senator Foraker says this is "probably my last term." Unfeeling paragraphers insist on striking out "probably."

Reed Smoot's senatorial machine is as smooth as any in the land. No sign of friction developed at his re-election. There is a shortage in the treasury of Kansas City, and every employe of the office, with arching innocence, asks, "Who got the money?"

The much defeated Mr. Kern of Indiana intimates that democratic promises haven't as much strength as the air that makes them. Mr. Kern is getting wise as he grows older. A fine of \$1 and costs was thought strong enough for the man who threw eggs at Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas.

The long distance successor of "Blue Jeans" Williams in the governorship of Indiana will not have a palatial executive mansion costing \$100,000. He has suggested to the extravagant lawmakers that a house costing \$15,000 or \$20,000 is good enough for him or any of his successors.

The total popular vote in the presidential campaign of 1904 was 13,595,567; Roosevelt's total popular vote over Parker, 2,625,790; while Roosevelt's electoral vote over Parker was 196. In the campaign of 1908 the total popular vote was 14,852,541; Taft's total popular vote over Bryan was 2,114,114 and his popular vote over Bryan 1,233,194; while Taft's electoral vote over Bryan was 193.

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Increasing Federal Expenses. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Senator Hale of Maine deserves a credit mark for sounding a note of alarm over the increase of federal expenditure. And when he refers to the military and naval establishments of the nation, he unquestionably locates the chief responsibility for this situation. This voting of more and more battleships, goes slipshod along in the very face of an existing expenditure exceeding revenue by \$100,000,000 a year. Is this session of congress to provide a deficit of \$200,000,000 for next fiscal year? There is strong possibility of it, as things are now going.

Disaster Reveals Extremes. Baltimore American. The extremes of human nature are shown in the poor of other nations who are giving eagerly of their little to the sufferers in Italy, and in the human ghoul on the scene of the disaster who are prowling about to steal what they can from the dead and dying. And it is characteristic of great disasters that they always develop these extremes, which make it hard to believe that all men belong to the same race.

On the Home Stretch. Kansas City Star. President Roosevelt, addressing a Methodist gathering in Washington mentioned that it was the last public speech he would deliver as president. However, there is nothing in this announcement to prevent him from sending messages to congress from time to time as circumstances may seem to require during the next forty days.

Who Will Save the Dog? Boston Transcript. The Nebraska legislature proposes to enact many of Bryan's principal policies, or as many as will apply to the state. It is well to "try them on the dog" first.

ORCHARD & WILHELM 414-16-18 South 16th Street. If you knew the values our January special furniture sale offers you surely would make selections now. Here are some interesting items that should go quickly Saturday.

Table listing furniture items and prices: \$22.00 Golden Oak Library Table, \$21.50 Same in Mahogany, \$28.00 Mahogany Library Table, etc.

Table listing furniture items and prices: \$12.50 Golden Oak Diner, leather upholstered seat, \$62.00 Satin Brass Bed, \$38.00 Satin Brass Bed, etc.

Drapery Department January Sales. Table covers, chenille and tapestry, 1 yard square, fringe all around, special Sat'y, each, 19c. 30-inch grenadine and sash net, in white and Arabian, has insertion and edge. Sells for 35c per yard, special during our January sale, at, per yard, 19c.

Special Saturday. Six-inch Bread and Butter Plates in Japanese design—egg shell China—sell at 25c each—Saturday special, six for \$1.00. Specials in the Basement. 500 Carpet Samples of Wilton Axminster and Body Brussels ranging in size from one-half yard to one and one-half yards, with fringe on ends.

A PLEA FOR OLD FRIENDS. J. W. Foley in New York Times. I was fond, indeed, of Paul Revere. In the days of my earlier age, and the picture of him stands out clear from the old school reader page. I've seen the light in the belly tower, I've heard the hoofbeats, too. But now, alas, they tell me that it is a dreamer's tale and gone!

Saturday Only. We have about 250 Suits and Overcoats, odds and ends from the season's best selling styles which sold from \$15 to \$28. We will sell these broken lines Saturday only at \$10.00. Browning, King & Company. R. S. WILCOX, Manager.