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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.

Who encored Medicine Hat? The billboards that succumbed to the norther will not be seriously missed.

San Francisco is apparently recovering from its recent attack of ingrowing war scare.

Dr. Wiley insists that certain manufacturers want a poor food law instead of a pure food law.

Governor Magoon has delivered his farewell to the Cubans without even promising to call again.

Marconi will be the hero of the sea until Sir Oliver Lodge completes his device for dispelling fog.

Mr. Groundhog may congratulate himself that the time for sticking his nose out has not yet arrived.

The report that the backbone of winter had been broken appears to have been grossly exaggerated.

The wireless distress signal is "C. Q. D.," instead of "P. D. Q.," but they both mean about the same thing.

Speaking of names once more, Mr. Selzer has been elected president of the Nebraska Bottlers' association.

And it will be only a little while until the newspapers will be reporting cases of prostration from the heat.

A chair of aeronautics has been established in a Paris university. Just another step toward a higher education.

Oscar Hammerstein may be up on music, but he showed mighty poor judgment in trying to whip two men bearing the names of Hennessy and Doyle.

Lobbyists at Lincoln will not be required to wear badges. The ordinary law-maker is supposed to know enough to know a lobbyist when he is approached.

Hona rule means rule by the people—World-Herald.

Excellent! Then, why elective police commissioners and appointive park commissioners?

Uncle Sam has withdrawn about everything from Cuba now except the wreck of the battleship Maine, which still serves as a menace to shipping in Havana harbor.

President Roosevelt says that when he returns from Africa he expects to pass most of his time in the west. We hereby invite him to make his headquarters in Omaha.

The New York Herald learns that former Congressman James E. Watson of Indiana "may get into Mr. Taft's cabinet." Mr. Taft will doubtless be grateful for the warning.

The commission plan of city government for Omaha has duly made its appearance at Lincoln. A single glance at the personnel of the Douglas delegation will be enough to tell how far that bill will go.

Prejudice, perjury and drunkenness have been responsible for the rejection of several hundred taxsmen in the trial of the men charged with the killing of ex-Senator Carmack at Nashville. Politics should be added to the causes for preemptory challenge.

DEMOCRATS AND THE TARIFF.

As the newly elected leader of the minority in the house of congress, Champ Clark announces that the democrats of the ways and means committee will conduct an investigation on their own account with the intention of presenting to the special session a list of schedules to succeed the Dingley tariff rates.

The minority leader is undertaking a mighty task in attempting to get the members of his party in congress committed to a tariff bill that may be offered to the people as embodying democratic doctrine.

While the democrats may be able to agree upon some general features of their tariff measure, there is open conflict upon the schedules most generally discussed.

In the senate the situation is even more complicated. There the democrats have not thus far paid the least attention to the tariff measure.

The democratic party has not been able to offer anything constructive on any important question before congress in a dozen years and its standing will not be improved by its taking a purely negative position on the tariff question which will be the chief, if not the only, subject for consideration at the coming special session of congress.

GOING FORWARD BACKWARDS.

There will be deep regret in military circles as well as among civilians interested in aviation that the military affairs committee of the house at Washington has refused to make an adequate appropriation for the advancement of the science of military aeronautics.

The dirigible balloon was passed the first experimental stage. The work of the Wright brothers, Leon Delagrave, Henri Farman, Santos-Dumont and others have demonstrated beyond question that the principle of aviation has been discovered and that only development and further experiment are needed to make the balloon a real and essential factor in future military and naval operations.

The refusal of the appropriation will simply call a halt in the work at a time when a halt may result in definite loss to the service. It is hoped that the senate will have a keener appreciation of the needs of this branch of the military service and restore the appropriation which has been rejected by the house.

WHY THE SULTAN QUILTS.

Constantinople advises that Abdul Hamid has completely surrendered himself and his government to the Young Turks and expressed a willingness to refrain from further attempt to dictate the destinies of the great Ottoman empire if only allowed to live in peace.

No explanation is vouchsafed in official circles for this change of heart on the part of the hardened old sultan, but one is suggested in a consular report showing that the Young Turks are enthusiastically taking up the game of foot ball. This appears to have been the last straw.

peeled sullenly to submit. Then the Turkish women threw aside their veils and began chewing gum and the sultan reluctantly admitted that he liked the metamorphosis and would not object to it, if they would not go in for directorate gowns or Merry Widow hats.

But the spirit of progress once started could not be checked and when the sultan awoke one morning to find two teams of Young Turks battling for the foot ball supremacy under the very shadows of his palace, he realized that he had reached the station where he was scheduled to get off, so he tipped the porter and ordered his trunks sent up to the American house and asked for commercial rates.

SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENT.

The recently adopted constitutional amendment, enlarging the scope of investment for the permanent school fund, adds to the list of authorized purchases "registered school district bonds of this state and such other securities as the legislature may from time to time direct."

How much the school fund has lost in the past because of narrow limitations on the scope of its investments will never be known.

By making our city and school district bonds available for school fund investments, even though the fund may not be sufficient at all times to take all offerings, we will be steadying the market for such bonds and in the same degree stimulating the erection of substantial school buildings and needed improvement of our cities without in any way impairing the security of the school fund or diminishing its income.

An Omaha minister lays down this proposition with reference to rigid enforcement of "blue laws":

There should be no law upon our statute books upon any subject which cannot or will not be enforced by the officers of the law.

For more than a third of a century the constitution of Nebraska has permitted candidates for United States senator to submit their claims to popular vote. The democrats made use of this privilege for the first time in 1894, when Mr. Bryan was a candidate, but in spite of their devotion to the principle of "let the people rule," they refused to make senatorial nominations in 1898 and 1900, and in 1904.

Our amiable democratic contemporary has just discovered that "Governor Sheldon is not the only state officer who spent the state's money with lavish prodigality." How all this could have escaped its lynx-eyed sleuths during the campaign is not explained.

The managers of the big express companies have testified before the Interstate Commerce commission that they do not believe their charges are too high.

Senator-elect Root of New York has endorsed the parcels post. His predecessor, Senator Platt, always had a word to say for the parcels post.

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federal courts for injunctions against future state tax levies. The bill might help some, but the railroads got their fingers burned so badly the last time they played with this fire that they are not likely to try it again very soon in Nebraska.

Congress has granted the use of the pension building for the inaugural ball on March 4. Congress always refuses the use of the building and then changes its mind, when it is almost too late for the committees to get the place in shape for the ball.

The night riders of Kentucky have sold their tobacco crop to a London syndicate. What a relief it would be to Kentucky if they would deliver the goods in person and fail to buy return tickets.

Los Angeles reports nine inches of "precipitation" in four hours. A Los Angeles "precipitation" would be classed as a cloudburst in any country that does not count climate as its chief asset.

The Christian Chinese of Hankow have been raising funds for a missionary campaign in Arkansas. Americans can lose nothing by the adoption of a reciprocity policy in evangelization.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law requiring hotel keepers to disinfect their bedding every three months. Does Governor Haskell stop at all the hotels in Oklahoma?

Russia has decided to annex two more provinces of Finland. Russia is accomplishing by "benevolent assimilation" what it has failed for decades to secure by force.

Obedience in Face of Danger.

Washington Post. "Everbody," said a London newspaper, had no intention of placing a bomb under the "divine right of kings" and light the fuse.

Put It on the Label.

New York World. Benzoin of soda may be quite harmless—Dr. Wiley may be wrong, as the government's consulting chemists say—but people who prefer it as a health tonic ought at least to have a chance to know what they are getting.

Catch Him Both Ways.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. Whether Judge Landis rules for or against the Standard Oil company the circuit court reverses him. This looks like a sort of vindication for the latter tribunal in the suggestion that its \$3,000,000 decision was not due to the fact that it loved the Standard more, but that it loved Landis less.

Heroic Sense of Duty.

New York World. Captain Sealby would have done his full duty had he left the Republic before she actually went under water. But as he was actually with her, he would not leave the ship while there was enough of her left above water to stand on, we may be thankful that two such brave men, with their noble sense of their duty to their passengers and to their owners, were picked up.

New England's Costly Pest.

Philadelphia Record. The gypsy moth has now practically accomplished the conquest of the New England states, with perhaps the exception of Vermont. The costly fight made by the state of Massachusetts for the extermination of the brown-tailed vermin has ended in defeat. It is now proposed to make a more energetic fight against the pestiferous moth with the Big Stick.

Heroes at the Telegraph Key.

The news stories of telegraph operators remaining two days at their keys without sleep following the Republic collision have a familiar ring. They are related of all great disasters, the telegraph service having a roll of honor for devotion to duty in time of emergency peculiarly its own.

COLLEGE MAN IN BUSINESS.

New York Times. Mr. Harriman's opinion as to the conditions under which a college man will get on in railroading is very much the same as that of most successful men regarding the bachelorhood to be reached by them. The great railroad administrator and organizer inevitably lays great stress on the moral rather than the intellectual qualities of the man under discussion.

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Advertisement for ROYAL Baking Powder. Includes text: Absolutely PURE, The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. Makes the finest, most delicious biscuit, cake and pastry; conveys to food the most healthful of fruit properties.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Amusing results, often changing the course of history, have their origin in apparently slight causes. When Emperor William consented to the publication of his views on public affairs in a London newspaper he had no intention of placing a bomb under the "divine right of kings" and light the fuse.

The obstacle which goes farthest in China to paralyze every act of life and every function of government is the "squeeze piggin," a method of getting something for nothing, commonly called graft in the United States.

The international conference proposed by the United States for the purpose of securing concerted action in the suppression of the opium trade is scheduled to begin its sessions at Shanghai, February 1.

DRAWING THE LONG BOW.

Mr. Taft's Jolly for School Girls Seriously Discussed. New York Times. When Charles Francis Adams, then United States minister to the court of St. James, submitted to Earl Russell the proof that the Alabama was being fitted out in a British port to raise an American commerce, he closed his communication with the remark: "I need not remind your lordship that this is war."

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PROSPERITY FACTORS.

Reason for Gratitude "for the Things that Have Been Given Us." New York Journal. The United States Department of Agriculture places the value of farm animals enumerated on January 1, 1909, at \$4,625,329,000.

THE SANDJAK OF NOVI BAZAR.

Cincinnati Times-Star. It has been suggested that, as a solution of the Balkan problem, Austria-Hungary divide the Sandjak of Novi Bazar between Serbia and Montenegro.—News Item.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

President Roosevelt and Senator Foraker go out together on March 4, but by different doors.

One of the democratic congressmen from Virginia is loudly protesting against any reduction in the tariff on peanuts.

Two hundred and fifty citizens of Los Angeles have asked the mayor to resign. Of course, he won't, but the invitation must interest him.

Senator-elect Shively of Indiana is nearly six and a half feet tall, which explains his success in reaching the plum over Johnny Kern's shoulder.

Colonel Jim Guffey, the Pennsylvania who was thrown over the transom at the Denver convention, has been re-elected to his former position as member of the democratic national committee.

Threatened with tax on their liberty, the bachelors of the Oregon legislature have retaliated on their tormentors by proposing a law limiting women's hat pins to ten inches. After a good fight, possibly the scrappers will get together.

The Bughouse Horse company of Freeport, L. I., has asked for a place in the line of march at the Taft inaugural. The Bughouse horse bunch are real firemen, wear their title indicators. They know when to get into the right procession.

Kansas proposes to vindicate the memory of the late Edmund G. Ross, the exiled senator whose vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment, by appropriating \$50 to place a bronze bust of him in the State Historical society.

Governor Harmon of Ohio is holding a state and federal job, and since the United States court refuses to accept his resignation as receiver of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, he will continue to hold the two positions until the receivership is lifted.

The commissioners of Cook county, Ill., wherein Chicago rests, could not find means to finance the prosecution of ballot box frauds, but there is no difficulty in finding the wherewithal to boost their own salaries from \$3,000 a year to \$5,000. Knowing where the money will go makes a great difference in public acts.

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"I notice a man with a cold in his head has committed suicide," said a friend. "Poor fellow! Now, what fool friend would have told you that? That remedy"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Lady Lady—Mr. Star, now that we are seated about the board to partake of our turkey, does it not occur to you that there are only two turkeys on the ark with Noah?

Mr. Star—Indeed, I sincerely hope that this one is the last of the two.—Circus Magazine.

"Yes, ma'am," said the tattered tramp, "I have helped carry out a great many benevolent enterprises." "You" cried the lady, "Oh, impossible. In what way?" "By cheerfully accepting whatever was given me, ma'am."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you think you can absolutely prove your theory?" asked the admiring friend. "I do," he replied, "I have been an astronomer; as soon as it is absolutely proved there will be a falling off in the demand for magnetic articles on the subject."—Washington Star.

"Don't you think, Mr. Sply," said the boss, "you might as well take off your hat?" "What's the use?" asked the new man, who was filling a temporary vacancy in the clerical department. "I'm only going to hold this job two weeks."—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Scraggington (magnifying)—An Lincoln said a man may fool himself, but he can't fool me any of the time.—Chicago News.

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With many strange terms I'm familiar, Terms unmaking of peace and of war, Which the versatile press correspondent Delight to lug in by the score, Knead, apply and sold—Yiddis Kosik; The Duma dissolved by the Czar, But I do not know yet what they mean by The Sandjak of Novi Bazar.

I can prate of the Punjab; the Mejjas, And I know when assuaged's proclaimed, Mashedrut is likewise familiar, And I think I have Selamik tamed; I can understand, too, cause belli, I can understand, and tribal duar, But I do not know yet what they mean by The Sandjak of Novi Bazar.

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