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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee matled to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Anyway, the weather man has set back the spring poem crop.

The thick goosebone weather prophets may consider themselves vindicated.

The sword of Washington has been purchased by J. Pierpont Morgan. Who has the hatchet?

Beach Hargis, the Kentucky desperado, has shot himself in the foot. He should learn to aim higher.

An apology is now due from those who a few years ago ridiculed Mr. Marconi as a visionary and a dreamer

The senatorial deadlock in the Illinois legislature has started a whole army of aspiring statesmen to Barkis-

President Gomez of Cuba has selected his cabinet. You may find the names on the bands of the Havana cigars.

Speaking of names just once more, Messrs, Drinkwater and Swim are members of the water board at Atlan-

Arizona's oldest pioneer is dead at the age of 106. He must have had a fine trigger-finger to have lived that long in Arizona.

A consular report says there is "a good opening for dentists" in Holland. Dentists are usually prompt to fill cavities of that kind.

The Californians would appear to better advantage if they took some lessons in politeness from their enemies, the Japanese.

came from the minority of the legisla-

Along about the middle of July the history. ice man will be trying to convince you that an exceedingly mild and open ice crop.

The president and vice president of Cuba are having a row over the distribution of federal patronage. The American troop ships must be out of sight of Havana.

It is proposed to have congress appropriate \$20,000 for the investigation of Liberia. Reports indicate that the Liberians are more in need of bread and clothes than of investiga-

Senator Bailey is making a fight against the automobile. The senator's Kentucky farm is used for breeding thoroughbred horses and not an automobile factory in a hundred miles

that his country is seeking peace with with more or less exaggerated respect. defied all attempts at displacement. The columns would be forty feet high the United States. Might as well let them have it now that the naval ap- with advancing civilization in late tradesmen, shipping and other inter- length and 220 feet wide, surmounted propriation bill is practically out of years and the Dalai Lama somehow did ests from London fogs at hundreds of by groups of sculpture and crowned the way.

"conspiracy."

ROOT ON DUAL GOVERNMENT.

ference a year ago.

reach out and usurp powers belonging outpost. to states and thus weaken and de-Communications relating to news and editorial matter should be addressed: Omaha Bee, Editorial Department. Remit by craft, express or postal order payable to The Bee Publishing Company. Only 2-cent stamps received in payment of mail accounts. Personal checks, except on Omaha or eastern exchanges, not accepted. of the ground and exercise all of the cies." From being the most bitter

framed the federal constitution. To many it will seem strange to Daily average ...... 37,491 government of our fathers, making ministration. the national government voice and performance of state functions without

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESS.

from the federal courts at Washington unquestionably the right and proper judicial probing. This transfer is entirely in line with the answer given with their preservation." by the editor of The Bee to the World's request for his opinion fected by the forestry preservation printed in the World, as follows:

terfere with the freedom of the press, but that the press should be held responsible only for abuse of such freeissued in New York to defend a libel suit either in the district of Columbia or in where the newspaper is published and un-

der the laws governing there. Responsibility of the press should apply alike to newspaper publishers, big and little and wherever located. When the publisher of a small weekly printed at Gretna, Neb., was dragged to Omaha for trial on a far-fetched libel charge, The Bee protested vigorously against it as a judicial outrage and laid down the same proposition that a newspaper editor should have the same right of trial by jury at the place of the alleged offense that is accorded others charged with law violation. If Editor Pulitzer is to be prosecuted for criminal libel, or Editor Hearst to be sued for civil libel because of offensive or damaging publications in their New York papers, the suit should be brought in New

WANDERINGS OF THE DALAI LAMA. place in the world where civilization halts, where a relic of bygone times in the form of a nation or people may be allowed to live the life of a recluse. Even the Dalai Lama of Tibet Senator Chamberlain of Oregon will has been inoculated with the virus of don, the storm center of the fog inpresent credentials showing that he progress and it promises to arouse dustry. him from a lethargy which has heldture and was elected by the majority. him and his people there on the roof is designed to discharge into the fog- of fairness, charity and common sense of the world since the gray dawn of

The causes for this last awakening marched into Lhasa, the capital of Tibet and the center of Buddhism, and made himself somewhat at home against the world. Until that time by the visit of the British and he to monastery and from city to city adopted for general use. across the Mongolian wastes and on The Japanese prime minister insists to Peking, being received everywhere as an integral part of London and has rising from an unbroken stylobate.

not impress the government at Peking millions of dollars annually, and if with a statue of Lincoln. Surround-Defending a Rough Rider charged entertained at first, then tolerated and tical and practicable it will be the would be linden trees, planted four with murder, an Oklahoma lawyer finally given a delicate hint that it was greatest invention in the world's his- rows deep, to form a peristyle of pulled an American flag from his about time for him to take his anti- tory, so far as London is concerned. while he described the charge up San with it. Of course the Chinese au- tion may be adapted to steamships itself. Juan hill. That was the next best thorities did not put it in those words, and used to dissipate the very gravest move to having Governor Haskell ar- but, on the contrary, they bestowed danger that confronts the navigator rest the prosecution on a charge of upon him, with all the ceremony and menaces ocean travelers.

Bee (without Sunday), one year. \$4.60 pressed at the Natural Resources conBee and Sunday, one year...... 6.00 forence a year are ers' bills becoming unbearable, to say Mr. Root has no fears whatever of nothing about the feed for the horses

to do their full duty in performing foreigner and submit to the foreign-

STOCKMEN SEE A LIGHT. The resolutions adopted by the Napowers each within its line of demarca- critics of the forestry policy adopted

champions. At the conventions of the associapromising champion of a strong cen- against President Roosevelt, Secretary tral government. Everything de- Wilson and Chief Forester Pinchot. pends, really, upon the point of view. At the Denver meeting last year resomake the states mere administrative defend Mr. Pinchot and his forces was there: districts. Mr. Root and those who be- were hooted from the floor and conlieve with him, and who we have no siderable sentiment was worked up doubt constitute the vast majority of against President Roosevelt, Secretary our people, would maintain the dual Wilson and the entire republican ad-

The rapid development of the forest represent the national spirit and keep preservation plan has, however, had an the states as active agencies in the impressive effect upon the stockmen. In proof thereof the Los Angeles consubordination or conflict of authority. vention has adopted resolutions thanking President Roosevelt for all his efforts in behalf of the live stock indus-The transfer of the proceedings try, endorsing Secretary Wilson and against the New York World growing asking his retention in Mr. Taft's cabout of the alleged Panama canal libels inet, and heartly approving "the administration of the forestry service to the state courts of New York is under Mr. Pinchot as having been conducted along practical and businessthing if the subject matter requires like lines with a view to obtaining the greatest use of the forests consistent

The stockmen have been directly afpolicy more than any other class ex-I do not believe the law of criminal libel cept the timber barons and their reshould be used by the government to in- sentment against the administration was intense and vociferous at the outset, when the forest reservations were dom. I believe it is a vicious precedent closed for grazing purposes except unto force the publishers of a newspaper der the most stringent regulations and restrictions. Yet the brief time that Nebraska. Whatever proceedings may be has elapsed since the adoption of the justified should be instituted at the place policy has been sufficient to convince the stockmen that their best interests will be subserved by the proper care of the forest, with its ranges, the result being to increase the grazing facilities from year to year instead of having the ranges within the forest reservations destroyed by overgrazing as have been the public ranges generally. The action of the convention is most significant, assuring the cooperation of the stockmen in the government forest policy instead of their opposition, which has heretofore been

one of its most serious obstacles.

SHOCKING THE FOG. Sir Oliver Lodge, the eminent British scientist, has been granted permission and full authority to test an invention which, if successful will be telegraphy in aiding victims of fogs. wirelss telegraphy as that employed Apparently there is no longer any in rescuing the passengers of the ill-fated Republic unnecessary by removing the natural element that causes such disaster. Sir Oliver's nurpose is to dispel fogs and his first experiments will be conducted in Lon-

laden atmosphere a strong current of that characterized the man whom the pected to act directly upon those inare by no means on the surface. Four finitesimal particles of matter that en- Lincoln's memory in this, the cenwinter is blamable for causing a short years ago Colonel Younghusband ter into the composition of a fog and tenary of his birth, is generally aciar them from their atmospheric cepted, but there will be keen regret charged from poles which carry a se- can not be agreed upon without anin a city that had always been barred ries of disks, the distance between the other unseemly wrangle between the poles to be determined by experi- president and congress. white men had never been permitted ments. The inventor believes that in Tibet. The Dalai Lama considered these particles of matter will be a memorial to Lincoln, directly across that the sacred city had been profaned shaken up by his device until they from the mansion house at Arlington fall into the street in the form of and in line with the Washington monpromptly organized a' pilgrimage to "black snow." For a preliminary test ument and the improved mall which Peking to protest to the Chihese gov- of the invention, made in Liverpool, extends past the stately department ernment against the invasion. Con- it is claimed that a discharge from a buildings to the base of the capitol. sidering himself something nearly single pole cleared the atmosphere for This proposition has been endorsed by godlike, the Dalai Lama expected to a radius of sixty feet. On the strength the American Institute of Architects be heralded as such in his progress of this test the London authorities and by the commission appointed in across the country toward the court at have granted Sir Oliver permission to 1901 to prepare plans for the perma-Peking. With a caravan composed of conduct a series of tests in London, nent park system of Washington. The 714 persons, 490 horses and 700 with the assurance that if his inven- style of the proposed memorial has camels, he wandered from monastery tion proves successful it will be not been fully decided upon, but it is

Peking the title of "Sincere and Loyal success of the fog shocker and the adopted at the present session of con-The address of Elihu Root to the Spreader of Civilization," intimating electric cleanser of a dirty atmosphere, gress. This plan is to have congress FOUNDED BY EDWARD ROSEWATER. members of the New York legislature, to him that it was his sacred duty to it will not be difficult to restrain en- buy the ground between the capitol making acknowledgment for his elec- hike back to Tibet and get busy on thusiasm until some actual results building and the new Union station. tion as United States senator, reiter- the job of spreading civilization. So have been scored to the credit of the a stretch of some six or seven blocks Entered at Omaha postoffice as second- ates and expatiates his views on our the Dalai Lama started back with his invention. The residents of this neck in length and two blocks wide, for a dual government, which attracted spe- small army, greatly to the relief of of the woods still remember the colonnade of great pillars of stone, cial attention when similarly ex- the Chinese imperial authorities, who dreams and promises of the sky- roofed over and forming a covered

LIBERIA'S APPEAL FOR HELP.

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To do their full duty in performing loreigner and submit to the foreignto give it perpetuity and progress is
the functions properly devolving on
er's ways. With this concession Tibet
not meeting with much encouragement
from congress. It is doubtful, too,
whether it will arouse much enthusiis that it would put the memorial in

jurisdiction is for the states and the place in the west within the last two establishing a colony of civilized nefederal government both to occupy all years on some of the "Roosevelt poli- groes in the midst of the savages of eral plan for beautifying Washington, groes have been planted in the midst tion as originally contemplated by the by the administration, the stockmen of at least 2,000,000 African savages founders of the republic when they have become its most enthusiastic who have refused all overtures toward civilization, have hampered the work of the colony and have even refused have this defense of the states' rights tion in 1907 and 1908 practically the to permit the colonists to work out doctrine made by such an uncom- entire membership was arrayed their own salvation. Friends of the beria; they have given the country a government, a flag, educational facili-The old states' rights advocates would lutions were adopted denouncing the ties and religious instruction, but the destroy the national authority by whole forestry policy, particularly as result has been dismal failure. A remaking the states paramount, while it affected the grazing rights in forest cent minister to Liberia makes this rethe extreme centralizationists would reserves. Delegates who sought to port on conditions prevailing when he

> They have no money or currency of any fire a salute, though they purchased at waters for steamers to land at. . . . them to interfere with business, inquired for a hotel. They told me here was none. Look from morning to mule, a donkey or oxen. They have none. There is not a buggy, a wagon, a cart of any kind, or a wheelbarrow in the four on their heads. \* \* \* There are 100 nude persons to every one wearing clothes. The government contains no

public schools of any kind. The Colonization society claims to have added 22,000 civilized negroes to Liberia since it took hold and the people of the United States and Great Britain have contributed more than \$7,000,000 for educational purposes, but the country is today practically without schools, except those conducted by missionary organizations, and it is estimated that there are less than 12,000 civilized persons in Liberia, which has a population far in

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root are urging congress to open the way for an investigation in the hope that it will result in having Great Britain, the United States and the powers having interests on the west coast of Africa to reach some agreement as to the best means of dealing | did not state her age correctly while with a situation admittedly desperate. on the witness stand. It should be Whatever moral obligation our country may feel in the matter, it is difficult to see how we can be expected alone to guaranty the integrity of the little republic, which in the sixtyseven years of its existence has done nothing to advance its own interests. The legislatures of many states contributed to the colonization scheme breaks on shipboard. for years and there is no objection to a renewal or a continuance of such fully as valuable as that of wireless help to the Liberians, but for our government to become involved in African In fact it will make such uses of the politics with Germany, France, Italy and England by attempting a guardianship over Liberia would appear to be more than questionable.

THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL MIXUP. Plans for a Lincoln memorial at

the national capital are facing a deadlock, with some promising indications part in the representations of last fall of a nasty fight over a proposition that The invention of Sir Oliver Lodge should be considered with the spirit high voltage electricity which is ex- nation desires to honor. That the nation should do something fitting in moorings. The electricity will be dis- if the plan for a lasting monument

The president favors the erection of recommended that it take the form The fog has come to be looked upon of a great portico of doric columns, But China has been catching step Statisticians have figured the loss to and the entire portico 250 feet in green, from which to radiate various

Opposed to this highly attractive characteristic of the imperial court at | Hopeful as we may feel about the is using every influence to have it will effective.

walk from the capitol to the Union depot, with a monument to Lincoln in the center of the roadway, park-Daily Bee (including Sunday), per week. 15c on the center of the roadway, parkDaily Bee (without Sunday), per week. 10c or confirming Bee (without Sunday), per week. 5c or confirming Bee (without Sunday), per week. 10c or confirming Bee (with Sunday), per week. 10c or confirming Bee (without S except from the failure of the states he must open his lands to the hated colony and report upon the best way through congress before February 12, to give it perpetuity and progress is Lincoln's birthday, for carrying out

asm among the people generally for a space inadequate to hold it, where the proposition, however much the it would be dwarfed by the capitol hard facts feels his bumps and calls them Liberians may be in need of our kindly building and the Union station. The president has urged that the entire structed in accordance with the geneven if to do so requires further retarding a project already too long de-

About the last official act of Elihu Root as secretary of state was the placing of a capstone on his great work in the interests of international peace by signing the arbitration treaty | would be so much demoralization on the with Brazil. He has succeeded in making similar treaties with twentyfour different governments, bringing the United States into friendly agreement with all the powers for the settlement of ordinary disputes. Blessed is the peacemaker.

We learn from a Mobile, Ala., paper ter, not even a cance. The two gunboats that the lynching of a negro early Sat-England gave them lie rotting on the urday morning "but slightly disturbed beach. They have no guns or swords in the usual serenity of Mobile past the working condition, nor even a cannon to midnight hour." The same authority one time \$47,000 worth of guns from the reports that the man was killed "by United States. \* \* There are only parties unknown to the coroner's out squarely against the disfranchising of mean level. From mean to meanest isn't four postoffices in the country, one for jury." Those Alabamians take their ment has no harbor, wharf or break-

Prof. Fererro declares that Julius night and you will never see a horse, a Caesar was a piker and a political accident. We may stand for that, but will resent the attempt by Fererro or anyone else to prove that Caesar's wife was not above suspicion.

> Mr. Taft says he went fishing in Georgia and enjoyed it, although he caught no fish. That's the only true orthodox and heterodox circles. Ford hall, and caught nothing."

> Sicily and Calabria produce about 8,000,000,000 lemons a year, or five for every inhabitant of the earth. The extra consumption by democrats makes planned especially for the training of young the average for people who do not use them at all.

for the rest of Europe and credit for this condition is given to the French system of postal savings banks. Congress might do well to take the lesson to heart.

It is charged that Gertrude Atherton remembered that Gertrude makes her living out of fiction.

Forecasting the Future.

Chicago Tribune. Great is wireless telegraphy. It need no urprise anybody if some flustered operator at sea one of these days flashes a hurry call for the patrol wagon when a riot

> Up Against It. Washington Post.

The United State supreme court is a timeonored and universally respected instituon, and all patriotic Americans will wish it success in its forthcoming struggle with the great question, "What is whisky?"

Uncheered and Cheerless. Pittsburg Despatch.

W. J. Bryan and Roger Sullivan hastened congratulate Senator-elect Shrively of Indiana. But a gentleman named John W. Kern, who had something of a speaking is left entirely cutside the congratulations, as well as the breastworks.

Where the Duke Would Shine. Charleston News and Courier The report comes from Paris that the duke of Abrugzi will abandon his ducal and naval honors to marry his sweetheart. Considering that he may, if he wish be promoted to an American citizen, the sacri-

the duke would shine. A Surprise Coming. Boston Globe

fice is not great. As one of the plain people

Senator Rayner doesn't believe there is uch a thing as a white rhinoceros nor any surang-outang with a nose three inches long. Won't he be the surprised man if the African expedition only has the luck to bring home to the Smithsonian a sidewinder, or a philliloo, or even a common

Galvanized for the Occasion. Boston Transcript.

Speaker Cannon's story, reported this norning, of the man awakenened in the night by the feminine cry, "There are robmistaken, they are all in the senate," is of about the same age and much to the same point as the joke now repeated in one of the local theaters that congresamen have ecome so sensative that in answering the

Expressing Popular Will. Boston Transcript (rep.). The Nebraska leginiature, the press re-

ports declare, will soon vote to adopt "the petus. So long as its obvious purpose is to in any awe-inspiring manner. He was Sir Oliver Lodge's idea proves prac- ing the memorial and framing it get into the senate the sman whom the largest number of voters desire to have there, it is hard to criticise any state for adopting it to the displacement of plans which in only a lesser degree accomplish pocket and waved it before the jury quated parody on royalty and go home Sir Oliver is confident that his inven- avenues centering upon the memorial this. Massachusetts has found no difficulty in expressing the through the method provided by the constitution, but states which have a different plan is the Cannon plan, so-called be- experience are utterly justified in adopting cause endorsed by the speaker, who the Oregon device for making the people's

SERMONS BOILED DOWN,

True friendship is always richest in days It's no use sighing for a chance to lead

if you dare not go alone. Out of deep sorrows come high powers to comfort and strengthen.

You get much instead of men when you offer them only soft places. It's no use wasting blows on the man who is afraid of being hurt,

Idleness makes the hours wearily long and the days woefully short. The mark of a heavenly blessing is that ignores our earthly boundaries, The man who is liberal in his faith is

not always the same in his finances. Sometimes we need tides of grief to carry us over the bars of our dull content. He can never know any deep joy who

an laugh at the sorrows of another. The only way to get all the happiness in life is to give for the happiness of all. The man who bangs his head against

If you would make sure of your sins being fruitful bury them under a pretense

The devil is worried by the people who work for the good, not by these who worry over him.

There is always a greater benefit in onduring my own pain than in envying another's pleasure. Some religious engines are run with all the steam on the brakes and all the air in the cylinders.-Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Cleveland Leader: President-elect Taft says that without such moral forces as the Young Men's Christian association there istimus that the canal would never be built. Who can even guess the industrial value of the churches?

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A keen sighted clergyman has discovered that there were the mule's heel caressed the solar plexus of two men of the name of Ananias mentioned in the Bible, and that one was a Paint manufacturers in Indiana object to person of excellent character and consequently free from the habit that caused is not up to the standard. All their product his namesake's downfall. This is further proof of the fact that one bad egg will draw far more attention than eleven good

New York Post: Cardinal Gibbons has rendered another valuable service to Maryland and the country at large by coming the negro by means of the amendment to be submitted to the voters next fall. "I have no hesitancy." declares the cardinal. "in saying that I believe it to be both unjust and impolitic." Unjust he finds it because it is designed to deprive a certain the land, and impolitic because it is in the end certain to injure the democratic party, which favors it.

Boston Herald: Edward Everett Hale, the Boston ploncer in the use of Sunday for the discussion of civic problems, must be satisfied with present conditions in fish story told since the Apostle in the Baptist denominational headquarters, Thomas reported, "We toiled all night is overrun on Sunday evenings with people who clamor to hear social problems discussed. Tomorrow the Central Congregational church opens a similar noon course, and at Parker Memorial in the evening an elaborate course of lectures and conferences will begin, to last eight weeks, and voters. From the modern standpoint it is the church adjusting itself to the ethical

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

There are several large holes in Medicine Hat. Maybe the lid is off. "A distinct siesmic disturbance" is loafing

around Central Asia, too modest to make its presence known to the natives. One automobile factory reports orders for machines worth \$22,000,000, which proves that prosperity is going some. The favorite motto of food canners,

"Heaven preserve us," is turned to the wall. Benzoate of soda will do the biz. The report of the discovery of 301 ways of eating corn from the cob has only a melancholy interest for the owner of store

Persons disposed to criticize the federal

supreme court should pass up irritating remarks for the present. The August judicial body has troubles enough in solving the problem, "What is whisky?" A'new version of the soul mate business

cropped out in a Philadelphia divorce case The soul mate in the case was one of the astral variety, beyond the reach of human chastisement, but sufficiently attractive to woo the wife from her poetic husband. The

## PER CENT

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and hiked for the divorce mill. An amateurish desciple of the Emanuel movement, challenged by doubters to try it

on a sick mule in Cleveland, was given a unique sign of thought transference when the faith-healer. a bill making it unlawful to sell paint that

is standard, of course; what they dislike is the implied doubt of the purity of their canned intentions.

Old Boreas knows his business. With an excess of 494 degrees of heat in this section since last March, it is apparent he must work overtime to bring the record to the much of a blast for O. B.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Irving Washington (wiping his lips)— That was really the sweetest kiss I have ever had." Louise Barkis—I thought you would think so, Irving; my face powder gave out and I used confectioners' sugar.

"Jinx has got a new typewriter; it will go in your pocket."
"No, it won't! It may go in Jinx't pocket, but I'm married."—Houston Post. She-Women have cleaner minds than

men, anyhow.

He—Naturally. Look how much oftener they change them.—Philadelphia Record.

Happy Bride (on wedding tour)—You sav we are coming to a tunnel, Harry? Is it a long one?

Bridegroom (momentarily depressed)—Yes, entirely too long. The conductor tells me they light up the cars before entering it.—Chicago Tribune.

Said He-Young Smythe and Miss Browne are evidently in love with each other.
Sald She-Judging by the way they look
it each other? at each other?
Said He—No, judging by the way they don't look at anybody else.—Washington Herald.

leadership of men to whom religion in its "What possessed you to engage yourself more conventional forms does not appeal. to such a very timid and shrinking man?" "Thats' it."

"What's it?"
"He did shrink so every time one looked it him I thought I could get him at a seduction."—Baltimore American.

Mr. Meek-Did you trump my ace?
Mrs. M.-Yes. What of it?
Mr. M.-N-othing, my dear. I'm glad
t was you. If one of our opponents had
lone it we'd have lost the trick-Cleveland

Nan-Where did Kit ever find him and why did she marry him? What a withered, insignificant little specimen he is! Fan-That may be, but she picked him from a magnificent family tree.-Chicage Tribune.

SONG OF THE PLUMBER.

Detroit Free Press. teeth.

The Simplified Spelling board, in its third round with the dictionary, paralyzed a whole raft of words. The dead letters would stock a new cemetery.

If there is anything in the brand of weather now on tap justifying an advance in the chief weatherman's salary the oldest inhabitant and others would appreciate a peep at it.

Persons disposed to criticize the federal

Heigho for the hurry calls I'll get! Heigho for the task that's mine!
Heigho for the bath room soaking wet, a plight that I count divine!
Heigho for the tools that I will forget!
Heigho for the busy sign!
Then here's to the plumber,
The plumber bold.
Here's to his solder,
And here's to his gold;
And here's to the pipes
That will burst some day.
Heigho for the plumber,
That all must pay!

That all must pay!

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