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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

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BERNARD SHAW says that Poe and Whitman are the only important American men of letters.

IT'S DOLLARS TO DOUBTNOTS that the present demo-pop legislature in Nebraska, with all its howl about economy, will authorize appropriations out of the public treasury aggregating at least twice as much as was appropriated by the last demo-pop legislature.

UNBUSINESSLIKE. The Lincoln Star calls attention anew to the practice of introducing duplicate bills in both houses of the legislature, which it declares "serves a good purpose for no one excepting the concern that prints the bills."

THIS DUPLICATE PRINTING expense put on the taxpayers is only one illustration of the unbusinesslike methods that prevail in the legislative ends of the state house.

NO ONE WILL contend that in this respect the present democratic legislature is greatly, if any, different from other Nebraska legislatures which have gone before it.

THE POINT to be emphasized is that while in every other branch of our state government notable progress has been made in reforming abuses, systematizing the work, eliminating the sinecures and introducing up-to-date business methods, our legislative machinery is practically the same old-style, slack-belted, broken-cogged, rough-riding machine that has been jolting and bumping along for the last thirty years.

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GUFFEY PERSISTS IN LIVING. Pennsylvania's Colonel Forester's Bryan's Political Morgue. New York Tribune. If the red slayer think he is slain, Or if the slain think he is slain, They know not well the subtle ways Of keep, and pass, and turn again.

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MRS. CHARLES J. HUGHES, JR., wife of the newly elected United States senator from Colorado, is a Missouri girl, having lived in Richmond, Mo., where she was married. Her family name was Menefee, and she is descended from the Menefees of Culpeper county, Virginia.

THE NEXT centenary of a president after the coming Lincoln observances will fall on April 27, 1927, the 100th anniversary of Grant's birth.

OFFICIALS SALESMAN—Wouldn't you like to look at some of our overcoats or suits? Dystrophic Looking Customer—No, but if you have a suit made to order, I'll take a look at your billings and porous plasterings.

"THE lady who does the diving and swimming act in the tank appears to be quite a favorite with the gentlemen." "Yes, she is one of those new inventions." "A new invention?" "Yes, she is a submarine belle."—Baltimore American.

"GOODNESS, Johnny, how you're growing! If you don't look out you'll be bigger than your father." "Yes, but he's a good deal bigger than you are." "Why?" "Why, then, they'd have to cut my old trousers down to fit him."—Cleveland Leader.

"BUT, Dorothy, dear, don't you care for this lovely sunset?" "Why, you know very well, mamma, that I've got lots of little boys and girls, and so much lovelier."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"THE public will stand by a man who proves he is upright and fearless." "Yes," answered Farmer Cornsmeal, "you kin hear me stand by and watch a man that's tryin' to do real work. The thing is to git 'em to turn in, an' help."—Washington Star.

SILLYNESS—I never send a man on a fool's errand. CYNICUS—No; it's a better plan to go yourself.—Philadelphia Record.

"SO he wasn't willing to head the ticket?" "Oh, yes, he was willing to head the ticket, but he wasn't willing to foot the bill."—Pittsburg Post.

"GENTLEMEN," said the toastmaster at the banquet, "we have listened to some excellent orators this evening and I am sure we have enjoyed their efforts very much. I have purposely kept one of our best speakers for the last, and after you have heard him I know you will be glad to go home. Gentlemen, I have the honor to present Mr. Ketchum A. Cumin, who will now address you."—Chicago Tribune.

Oh! this is a gift of song may be in many ways a blessing. It brings some popularity. That gets to be distressing. Now, mind you, I'm not a bird—An' shure, I'll not take back a word I ever said about him. But you when all these mouths to feed Ate up our little savin's. The birds whose wings and feet we need Are old Elijah's ravens. Began; if they were round these days An' I could make the same near me, I'd sing them a song of praise. 'T would keep them always near me.

HER PHYSICIAN ADVISED Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Columbus, Ohio.—"I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life. My doctor told me it was good, and since taking it, I feel so much better that I can do all my work again. I think Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound a fine remedy for all women's troubles, and I never forget to tell my friends what it has done for me."—Mrs. E. H. BAXTER, 304 East Long St., Columbus, Ohio.

Another Woman Helped. Graniteville, Vt.—"I was passing through the Change of Life and suffered from nervousness and other annoying symptoms. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength, and proved worth mountains of gold to me. For the sake of other suffering women, I am willing you should publish my letter."—Mrs. CHARLES BARCLAY, R.F.D., Graniteville, Vt.

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