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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.

Mr. Groundhog says six weeks more. Be sure to take another look at your coal bin.

Jack Blinn has made another bid for popularity by refusing to be Hobsonized.

Perhaps one reason for Mr. Taft's visit to Panama is that they have no possum there.

Missouri has a republican lieutenant governor, elected by 177 plurality, and his name is Gmelch.

Mr. Harriman is taking a hand in the work of breaking the solid south. He has bought another southern railway.

Castro declares that he wants to live in peace. All he needs to do is to keep the Atlantic ocean between himself and Venezuela.

Hank O'Day has signed up as an umpire for the coming season. Spring may be expected as the next number on the program.

Senator Foraker is determined to make another speech on the Brownsville incident. It pleases Foraker and does not hurt anyone else.

Carrie Nation announces that she is going to quit the vaudeville stage. That does not, of course, mean that she will quit doing vaudeville stunts.

It is estimated that it will cost \$12,000 more to inaugurate Mr. Taft than it did Mr. Roosevelt. Well, there's a good deal more of him to inaugurate.

Give Judge Oldham credit, at least, for having courage enough to draw cards. But then Judge Oldham is reputed to be willing to sit in any game at least once.

Alaska has sent more than \$76,000,000 in gold to the states since 1898. The country made a great bargain when it bought Alaska from Russia for \$15,000,000.

A Wisconsin young woman who advertised for a husband received more than 1,000 answers. A bill is pending in the Wisconsin legislature providing for a tax on bachelors.

Congress has decided not to rebuke President Roosevelt any more. The decision is more discreet than for congress to call upon the president for proof—and get it.

Every elective member of the present democratic city administration is willing to run again for their underpaid jobs and take chances on having their salaries raised later.

Next year's census will give Omaha a population of between 140,000 and 150,000 instead of the 185,000 the city should have by the annexation of South Omaha and Florence.

There is a suspicion that some of the patriots who have to have their friends force them to run for office by petition would be found, if the truth were known, to have started the petitions themselves and signed their acceptances at the same time.

Congress has done well to restore the appropriation for the development of the signal corps and aeronautic branches of the army service. If future wars are to be fought in the air, the United States army will want to hold the record as high flyers.

OUR ARMY IN CUBA.

Whatever fault has been or may be found with the results of the second American occupation, warmest commendation has been offered of the work of the American soldier in Cuba, and that from a source which would have been most prompt to criticize had there been even slight warrant for it.

The American soldiers and officers who are now leaving our shores have earned for themselves a most affectionate leave-taking from the country, and for the very reason that they are going away so quietly and discreetly it is all the more incumbent on us to give them a public farewell.

That is the American way and the way of the American soldier. There is no other nation which in a case analogous to this, of a military occupation of a foreign country, would not have made some display of its forces, would not have flaunted them instead of keeping them so passive that they have been all but unnoticed.

In the two years and more of occupation, there was not a conflict between the soldiers and the Cubans. Officers and men conducted themselves admirably, with modesty, orderliness and reserve, without provoking the slightest disturbance and never lacking in consideration toward the excitable people of the island.

THE ANTHRACITE SITUATION. The defeat of the Walker faction in the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America will be cheering news to both dealers and consumers, as it carries assurance that the threatened strike of the anthracite miners will be indefinitely postponed.

The mine operators will deal with the men working for them, but will not deal with them as representatives of a union. This was the position taken by the operators in 1902, and they declare they will never abandon it.

The Roosevelt arbitration committee ruled squarely against such recognition of the union and the miners accepted it at that time. For six years there has been practically no friction worth the name between the miners and operators.

The proposition of the miners to have the board of conciliation abolished appears like a backward step, as the records show that the miners have profited by its operations. Of the 160 cases brought in the last three years, 149 have been disposed of and the others will be settled before the term of the board expires on April 1.

What the delegation really ought to do, and would do if controlled by a desire for economy and good government, would be to perfect the merger by carrying it still further. The county treasurer ought to be made ex-officio treasurer of South Omaha as well as of Omaha, and the county assessor should be made ex-officio tax commissioner for South Omaha as well

AS FOR OMAHA.

The county comptroller should be made ex-officio auditor of city accounts for South Omaha as well as for Omaha and the county clerk should be given control of the records of the two cities in addition to those of the county, leaving it to the city council to employ simply a clerk or secretary to take care of its journals.

That is the sort of consolidation and elimination of duplicate work that would be put into operation if some big business corporation were charged with running the local affairs of Douglas county and the two Omahas and had to foot the bills out of its coffers.

Whatever the final cost of the canal may be, Colonel Goethals must be relieved of any charge of attempting to underestimate it. More than a year ago, soon after he took hold of the work, he issued a statement in which he said that the canal would cost more than \$250,000,000, not counting the original purchase price, might cost \$300,000,000, and that he was not prepared to state the final cost would not be \$500,000,000.

The present situation is not creditable to the several civilian engineers who were at the head of the canal work before it was turned over to Colonel Goethals. Their cost estimates were all too low and their predictions as to the time required to complete the canal were clearly erroneous.

Colonel Goethals promises the completion of the canal within four years from date, or two years less than the estimates of his predecessors. The rapidity with which the work of digging has been carried on shows that the army engineer knows what he is talking about, and the cost of the work since he took charge has been within a few dollars of his original estimates.

MEANS MUCH FOR OMAHA. The recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission in what is known as the "creamery cases" means more for Omaha than would appear in the mere announcement that a schedule of distance rates had been promulgated in substantial accordance with what the creamery men had asked.

It appears that the special agents of the Department of Agriculture and some state associations of dairymen intervened to urge the commission to establish a definite policy to build up the local creameries and restrict the centralized plants. They undertook to argue that centralizing the butter-making industry at great distributing points was detrimental both to the farmers who produced the milk and to the consumers who bought the butter.

Where a Shakedown is Needed. Real earthquakes have been followed by such appalling consequences in the last few weeks that there would seem to be no occasion for telling stories about imaginary ones, like that reported from Barcelona, that a pity that the depression which is said to have affected many European industries has not entirely closed the fib factories.

Changed Her Mind. The president of a Chicago woman's club held severe views of the tyrant man. She pronounced him a "head hunter" and mentally unfit to "associate with the best type of womanhood." "No man," she cried while white hands applauded and strong men slunk away in shame, should ever enter into her life.

SOLEMN FAREWELL BANQUET.

Apparently there is not much attention between the political Cubans and the Americans lately acting as guardians of the peace on the island. A few days before the formal transfer of the government to the natives a great banquet was given in Havana to Governor Magoon and to the successful and defeated candidates of the recent Cuban election.

Mr. Bryan objects to raising salaries of federal judges above \$5,000, because the judges might be contaminated by mixing socially with plutocrats and thereby have their judicial opinions warped. Mr. Bryan's Chattanooga lecture prices are still quoted at \$500 and expenses for a two hours' talk.

A commercial traveler explains that the demand for nine-foot bed sheets in Nebraska hotels is due to the fact that the quilts and comforters are so dirty that they need to be covered top and bottom by the sheets. The bill might be amended to call also for clean quilts and comforters.

A juror at Nashville has been fined for contempt of court for telling the judge to go to the devil and calling him undesirable names. The judge doubtless assessed the fine because he did not feel like being treated as though he held an office in Washington.

The government has just voted a medal of honor to Captain Geohagan, who saved seventeen persons from drowning on a sinking steamer in 1876. The captain will not be able to say "This is so sudden."

A favorable report has been made in congress on a bill increasing the salaries of the weather forecasters. That ought to induce them to hang out the "Fair and Warmer" sign a little more frequently.

Colonel Watterson says he does not know whether the new Cuban republic will last. We have felt all along that someone would finally ask Colonel Watterson a question he could not answer.

Nevada has adopted a law requiring applicants for divorce to be residents of the state for two years, instead of six months, as heretofore. Looks like a personal thrust at Nat Goodwin.

Congress has passed the bill prohibiting the importation of opium, except when prepared for medicinal purposes. The first result will be renewed activity among the smugglers.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The latest shake in Spain seems to have been largely a tremor of the nerves. "Every man," says Governor Stubbs of Kansas, "ought to read his Bible, his ballot and his newspaper without assistance."

Somewhat laudably the prophets who had predicted the Italian earthquake are sending in their names. Nearly time to close the list.

The will of John V. Farwell, pioneer merchant and philanthropist of Chicago, dispensant of an estate of \$1,775,000 equally among his five children. The Moody Bible Institute, in which Mr. Moody took a deep interest, receives an annuity of \$2,000 for ten years.

It is reported that Associate Justice Packham of the United States supreme court will retire shortly after March 4. Judge Packham reached the retiring age, 70 years, some time ago, but postponed retirement, it is said, in order that Judge Taft might appoint his successor.

Edward Payson Weston desires more national attention. Not content with his walk from Portland, Me., to Chicago, just forty years after his record walk of October, 1867, the old gentleman plans another exhibition of his powers. On his 70th birthday, March 15, he proposes to leave New York for San Francisco, a 4,000-mile journey, which he expects to cover in 100 days, starting on Sundays.

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A DISCRIMINATING PERSON.

Some Remarks on the Resurrection of Colonel Guffey. Brooklyn Eagle (dom). In obedience to a mandate from Mr. Bryan, Colonel Guffey was driven from his place as a member of the national committee, though there was no cloud upon his title to it. Of course, he has been reinstated, which is to say, from the democracy of Pennsylvania, the rightful possessor has come into his own again.

Pat Captain (grasping)—Oh, but I am! I qualified by walking fifty miles in two days in the infancy endurance contest.—Flick. "Some people," said Uncle Eben, "is allowed to do a heap o' talkin' foh de simple reason dat ev'body knows dey ain't inter'ested in de matter."—Washington Star.

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