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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.

Et, tu, "Colonel" Fanning! Are you one of the Commercial club's 1,000? If not, why not?

It is not too early to do your valentine shopping early.

Mayor Jim knew that Senator Howell was no gentleman all the time.

The Standard Oil has promised to be good in Missouri. Why not elsewhere?

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A VICTORY FOR MR. TAFT.

The agreement of the ways and means committee to include a clause in the tariff bill to be submitted at the coming session, for free admission of 300,000 tons annually of sugar from the Philippine islands must be accepted as a victory for Mr. Taft and an acknowledgment of his influence with the congress.

The concession will amount to practical reciprocity with the Philippines so far as sugar is concerned, for it will be many years before the imports of sugar from the islands will reach the limit prescribed by the bill.

The importations from the Philippines in 1907 amounted to only 10,700 tons and Mr. Taft predicts that the 300,000-ton limit will not be reached in a generation, even with the most rapid development of the industry in the Philippines.

TESTIMONY BY TELEPHONE. The supreme court of New York state has just rendered a decision that may constitute a far-reaching precedent in all states where proof of a telephone conversation is offered in the trial of a cause.

The defendants sought to offer the testimony of a witness who had listened to the telephone conversation over an extension wire. This evidence was excluded in the lower court as was all proof tending to corroborate the conversation because the witness had heard the conversation on another instrument and in another room than that occupied by the representatives of the brokers.

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sober after 3 o'clock in the afternoon and that courts-martial are always adjourned at 3 p. m. on that account. If there is no time limit on jags in the navy there should be, or the administration is open to the charge of favoritism between branches of the service.

IF THEY WON'T TRUST ONE ANOTHER. The hiring of a special attorney to be paid out of the state treasury to draft the deposit guaranty bill which the democratic legislature proposes to put on the statute books of Nebraska is more significant as a confession of incapacity on the part of our democratic law-makers than as a raid on the treasury.

Big Money in the Business. Chicago Record-Herald. The Standard Oil company's unwillingness to be barred from Missouri indicates that the oil trust is big business down the river notwithstanding the oft-repeated statement that the great trust sells its products at a very close, not to say almost ruinous margin.

Increasing Activity on Wheels. Philadelphia Record. In the last two weeks reported on the number of idle cars in the country decreased nearly 20,000, which gives evidence of a substantial improvement in the transportation business.

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The Homecoming Fleet. Boston Globe. Figuring that the cruises of the battleship fleet, when it is finished at Hampton roads on Washington's birthday will have cost the American people \$20,000,000—including \$6,000,000 for the maintenance of 16,000 men and \$6,000,000 for repairs—is hardly fair.

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OMAHA IN THE EXCHANGES.

Stromberg News: Now that the supreme court judges are appointed to suit everybody, we hope Senator Ransom, the howling dervish from Omaha, will find something worthy to train his guns on—something of real benefit to the people of the state.

York Times: Senator Howell, of Omaha, seems to be able to secure any kind of legislation he chooses in the senate. He has just succeeded in having the stock yards company exempted from taxation, the same as the railroads are to be.

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Columbus Tribune: The argument made by the Omaha World-Herald in favor of repealing the Nebraska Sunday law, which the democratic legislature is trying to accomplish, is about as foolish as one could make and could be expected only from a paper which has no scruples as to the policy it uses, so long as the policy is in harmony with its political party.

Kearney Hub: The greatest need in the way of state legislation is a law making it capital offense to steal anything from a member of the legislature. The occasion arises in the theft of grips of members from a hotel in Omaha, while there to inspect a state institution.

In the midst of the "passionate storm and stream" of his rendition of one of Beethoven's sonatas Tuesday afternoon at Carnegie hall Ignace Paderewski suffered a crisis which, it developed later, was to rob Philadelphia folks of their eagerly anticipated opportunity to see and hear the great Polish pianist.

To an ordinary man the accident—which was nothing more or less than the splitting, to a slight extent, of the nail on the first finger of the right hand—would have scarcely a passing thought. But to Paderewski, every movement of whose fingers is safeguarded by a large amount of money, it was a serious financial aspect.

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Samuel Sallee, a Bell township farmer, Kansas, who died last week, was the father of six living children and 108 living grandchildren. In all he was the father of 114 children, four of them now being dead.

Captain Pettis, who achieved fame with Kit Carson and served in the Apache and White River wars with the Indians, died recently in Providence, R. I. He was breveted captain of United States volunteers four days before he was 30 years old.

"You hire a man to watch your premises for a dollar a night do you?" "Yes, and he's a pretty good dollar watch, too, if anybody should ask you," Chicago Tribune.

"Casey—Sure, Flannigan, did ye see where the felly in the legislature out in San Francisco said he wouldn't have the Japs, but the Irish was all right?" "Flannigan—Did he say that Casey?" "Casey—Sure, and he said, 'we'll stand fast.'"—Baltimore American.

"Jinx wife, I understand, has brought suit for divorce, and is now loading mighty glum this morning when I met him." "Yes, she has withdrawn her suit."—Houston Post.

"What's become of your dog? I haven't seen him for a long time." "You notice what a cold I've got?" "Yes, sir." "Well, a lot of people told me things to do for my cold, and I was wise enough to try 'em on him first."—Cleveland Leader.

Upwardson—How did Smalley's brass-band promise suit against that rich widow come out? "Atom—They laughed him out of court."—Chicago Tribune.

"There is comparatively little real whiskey," said the best expert. "Yes," answered Colonel Stillwell, "when I lived in a prohibition community, years ago, I never had time to find how many things that tasted like whiskey were sold as something else."—Washington Star.