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WHEN OUT OF TOWN.
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The oldest negro minstrel has just died. His jokes live after him.

Mr. Harriman is to take a rest, after which he will probably proceed to take the rest.

"What does the rest of the country think about Nevada?" asks the Chicago News. Not much.

A scientist asserts that jaded nerves can be cured by music. On the theory, probably, that like cures like.

California is evidently vying with Kentucky for the privilege of being recognized as Uncle Sam's incorrigible child.

"Women are never half so bad as they are painted," declares Lillian Bell. Women, then, should learn to paint better.

President Gomez of Venezuela and President Gomez of Cuba are both having difficulty in living up to their prospectuses.

The price per plate for the Taft banquet at New Orleans was \$25. They must have served egg sauce with the alligator steak.

Miss Lizzy Lind-of-Hagby has come over from England to carry on a crusade against vivisection. Her name offers a temptation.

Congress has a bill increasing the weather man's salary by 20 per cent. No objection if he will furnish a correspondingly improved weather.

Congressmen are calling attention to men who have outriden President Roosevelt. Possibly, but they have not found any who can override him.

A navy officer charged with drunkenness insists that he drank but one glass of sherry. The size of the glass might have something to do with the case.

The mayor of Los Angeles has been petitioned by 10,000 voters to resign and take his chances of allowing them to get even with him at a special election.

California will learn that the American is never pusillanimous enough to deny the privileges and benefits of education to any who seek after knowledge.

A democratic paper published at Little Rock says "Senator Jeff Davis made an ass of himself yesterday." Still, that can hardly be classed as news.

UNSAFE.
The bill in the legislature authorizing the Board of Regents to draw against the university levy as soon as made makes the amount immediately available 95 per cent of the total that the tax should produce.

THE SECRET SERVICE AGAIN.
The exceedingly frank testimony of Chief Wilkie of the secret service before the house committee on appropriations places congress in a most unenviable light in its controversy with the president over the use of the secret service.

Members of congress are apparently very anxious to controvert the impression that their legislation was designed to limit the field of operations of the secret service, but the record shows that the curtailing of the force in the interior department and confining the work of the inspectors of that department to checking up accounts of land offices have forced the postponement or abandonment of some important land and timber fraud cases.

Mr. Wilkie made a strong plea for the organization of a central secret service bureau under the Department of Justice, whose services would be available to any executive department for the actual detection of crime.

THE FARMER'S GREATEST NEED.
President Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life in a report covering three months' investigation places the building of good roads first among the reforms needed to raise the standard of living in rural sections.

The commission earnestly recommends the increase in the number and activity of colleges and schools teaching agriculture with particular effort to furnish farmers instruction as to the agricultural possibilities of the soil and means of preventing soil depletion.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the local Bryanite organ, the World-Herald, should undertake to fan the anti-Japanese flame and put in a boost for the Jerry Howard bill to segregate Japanese laborers in Nebraska.

OF COURSE, the Japanese in Nebraska may have few friends, but the principle involved is not confined to the yellow skin or to a single nationality. If the Japs should be segregated and blacklisted as laborers the next demand may be for the segregation of the negroes, and then of the Irish, or the Poles, or the Italians, or the Lithuanians, or the Swedes.

development is already in progress along the improvement lines in many sections of the country. The rural dweller is finding many directions to turn his mind and his energies for the betterment of his own condition and that of his community and with general co-operation and encouragement the farmer will achieve his emancipation from the remnants of a drudging existence.

FOREIGN TRADE OF 1908.
Advance sheets of the detailed summary of our exports and imports for the calendar year show a decline in imports from \$1,423,169,820 in 1907 to \$1,116,449,651, a loss in value of \$306,720,169.

The decrease in exports was much smaller, the total exports being \$1,728,588,188, compared with \$1,895,356,464 in 1907, a loss of \$166,688,276, or about half the decrease in exports.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS.
With but eighteen working days remaining to the life of the Sixtieth congress, the measure of its work may be taken, as it is now certain that nothing can be expected in the remaining days of the session except completion of the appropriation bills and disposition of minor measures over which there is no room for discussion or time-killing debates.

Count the Multitude.
How many public men there are nowadays who are particularly noticeable for being not at all like Abraham Lincoln.

Where Genius Blooms.
If the legislatures of California and Nevada feel that they must do something sensational, why don't they pass a couple of nine-foot-sheet-in-hotel-bed laws.

The Difference.
Taft says he is satisfied with the progress that is being made on the Panama canal. The difference between Taft and the people who are dissatisfied with it is that he has been there and examined the work.

Domestic Problem Solved.
The secretary of commerce and labor has decided that a trained nurse is not a laborer. But when one considers some of the patients who have to be nursed even the beneficiaries of this decision will agree with the contention that labor is about the right term for the work involved.

State Rights and Treaty Rights.
Our impetuous friends on the other side of the Rockies should remember that the treaty obligations of the United States to the citizens of other nations are enforceable from Washington over the protest of any state in the union.

conditions of and regulate immigration, but under our treaties the Japanese who are admitted must have every legal right accorded any other aliens within our boundaries.

That reminds us, there are several states besides Nebraska that have democratic legislatures. What has become of the deposit guaranty scheme and the Oregon plan of electing senators in Colorado, in Indiana, in Missouri and in the states of the solid south?

The introduction of a bunch of bills at Lincoln, limiting the prices to be charged by gas, electric light and telephone companies, and enlarging the street area to be paved by street railway companies, ought to be notice sufficient to make each of the desired corporations sit up and send out an emissary as minister plenipotentiary, with full power to treat, negotiate and settle.

The World-Herald is erupting again with a demand for the "strict enforcement" of the so-called Sunday law violations, unless they shall be repealed by the sitting legislature.

Members of the New York Stock exchange have been prohibited from using violent and intemperate language during the sessions of the exchange. It is getting so that a man who wants to use violent and intemperate language has no chance unless he gets himself elected to congress.

If there is anything in the Omaha charter bill, as presented by the senators from Douglas county, that is not completely satisfactory to the franchised corporations or to the liquor interests, let them speak out now or forever hold their peace.

The Nevada legislature has passed a law requiring applicants for divorce to have a residence for two years in that state. The applicant who can stand two years of residence in Nevada makes a strong case.

There are those who would dismiss him as a miracle, an isolated, meaningless freak of fortune. Why not give humanity the benefit of the doubt and believe that he was only a plain man who did only what other plain men could do if duty called?

Let us cherish the faith that his life represents only the triumph of a common man and that his death is the triumph of common sense and that a government of the people, for the people, by the people, will stop short with the production of a single Lincoln, but in good time will bring forth from the soil and even from city pavements a line of Lincolns.

LINCOLN'S KINDLY CHARACTER

How and Why He Saved the Life of the Sleeping Sentinel.
One of the heart rending episodes of the civil war is the oft-told story of the pardon of the young soldier from Vermont, who was condemned to death for sleeping while on duty as a sentinel.

Divested of the garb of fiction the incident is equally impressive as an illustration of the kindly, fatherly spirit of Abraham Lincoln in public and private life.

This is how Scott himself told the story of the interview: "The president was the kindest man I had ever seen. I knew him at once by a Lincoln medal I had long worn.

"I am grateful, Mr. Lincoln. I hope I am as grateful as ever a man can be to you for saving my life. But it comes upon me sudden and unexpected like I didn't lay out for it at all.

Scott did promise and did keep his promise. He soon earned the reputation of being the bravest man in his regiment, the faithfullest and the kindest.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Makes delicious hot biscuit, griddle cakes, rolls and muffins.
The only Baking Powder Made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

PERSONAL NOTES.
A New York gambler left four widows. He seems to have made a specialty of the lottery business.

Count Cassini, who was the Russian ambassador at Washington at the time of the Russo-Japanese war and who has recently represented his government at Madrid, has applied for retirement.

One of the innovations in begging in New York City is the "begging wheel" which has been introduced. Whether it is because some of the beggars are without sufficient confidence to approach prospective victims alone or because they think that the simulated misery of two beggars is more potent than the hard luck of one, it is true that the custom of begging in pairs has become widespread.

W. O. Bradley, who was the first republican governor of Kentucky and has been elected United States senator on his sixth try for the place, is to be accompanied to the national capitol when he takes his seat March 4 by one Kentuckian, all wearing hats like the one which Bradley has made famous through many years of political campaigning.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.
"Who killed racing in California?" "Suicide," replied the man from the Pacific coast.

REGGIO.
Elizabeth Stuart Phelps in Independent. By the way of the throat of the earth, by the way of the flesh and the fire, by the way of the madman's lost mind, there had come, scorching from hell into hell, with eyes filled out of Reggio a soul. There hung figures of those who crawled up Past the snarling black jaws of the hell. When they turned, dragged by chains of the heart.

When sank the people down, and fell upon their naked knees, and prayed, "But this alone I have to tell. I know that I could not reach. Of alien faith, of alien race. I would that he should cry to God— 'Peace be upon the living, who must stand amid stagger—in their place!'"

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TAKING A WHIRL
The Suits and Overcoats for boys and young men that are on sale this week offer some remarkable price advantages.
We have 107 Suits and 23 Overcoats, sizes 32 to 36 chest, that sold from \$15 to \$20; all go at one price— \$10.00
Of course, the Browning, King & Co. style and the Browning, King & Co. quality make this so notable an occasion for those who know what's what in clothing.
Winter doesn't really begin till nearly spring. There are two months of cold weather ahead of us. The winter suit or overcoat bought now will do service for another year.
And the present saving will pay big dividends on the investment.
Browning, King & Company
R. S. WILCOX, Manager.