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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.

It's a million-dollar amount, all right.

Bonaparte has retired to St. Helena, at Baltimore.

Indiana has a deficit of \$1,000,000. Why not tax the authors?

Speaking of names, Rock Flint has been appointed inspector of quarries in Wisconsin.

It is proposed to produce a modified version of Salome. Going to serve it with dressing?

Congressman Nick Longworth is now at liberty to make a record on his own account, if he can.

Reports indicate that a good many Washington officeholders have found themselves without transfers.

It is hoped that the next congress will remove the Maine instead of asking the country to remember it.

The young man whose parents give him a good start in life too often breaks the speed limit later on.

Mr. Roosevelt is one of the few men who will not believe that an editor ever has any use for a pair of scissors.

"The week is being given up to banquets," says a Washington dispatch. All diet along the Potomac, as it were.

A desperado who had defied the police at Cincinnati was captured by a coal dealer. Easiest thing in the world for the coal dealer.

Servia has magnanimously agreed not to attack Austria. This will relieve the scare of all of the European powers that are backing Austria.

It is possible that the Washington undertakers may be selfish enough to oppose the plans for having the inaugural date changed from March 4.

The necklace of pearls brought to Omaha by the Greek did not come exactly as a gift, but several Omaha men are a little more prosperous as the result.

Former Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia is going into the chicken raising business on a large scale. Wonder what particular vote he is trying to capture?

A London woman has relinquished an inheritance of \$50,000 rather than remove to Chicago. Still, some contend that English people know little about this country.

Former Senator Platt says he will eliminate all of his personal troubles from his book of reminiscences. The volume, then, will be as dull as the Congressional Record.

All of the anti-Japanese bills in the Montana legislature have been killed. That's right. Montana could take care of about half the population of Japan without feeling at all crowded.

A bill pending in the Illinois legislature provides that professional drunkards shall be isolated. It is simply impossible to separate a professional drunkard from his menagerie.

The Treasury Deficit.

President Taft's administration begins with an apparently paradoxical financial condition. Business conditions throughout the country are substantially sound. Credit, both public and private, is strong; imports show a healthful increase, crop prospects are promising and all the elements which make for a returning prosperity are manifest and growing, even if the evidences of returning vitality are not pronounced. Their existence is indisputable. Opposed to this situation is the fact that the fiscal year, which will end on June 30, is certain to show a deficit of \$110,000,000, with a prospect that it may exceed that amount. The situation then presented is that, while all private enterprises are prosperous and showing daily gains, the public account is running behind all the time and the administration will be pressed with the urgency of making some provision to strike a balance between income and outgo.

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