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

Political street cleaners are almost due.

No "slates" this time—only "endorsements."

Latest legislative refrain: "We are affiers. We are affiers."

"Danger lurks in eggs," says a scientist. So do chickens.

Referring to names once more, Adam Appel is a fruit merchant in Pittsburg.

The fashion plates show that the women are also revising the waistline downward.

Los Angeles is discovering that a recall is practically synonymous with a call down.

Congress may as well prepare itself to hear that Mr. Bryan is not pleased with the new tariff bill.

The desire for cheaper shoes is said to be the sole reason for proposing the removal of the duty on hides.

If Mr. Hobson cannot have another war, possibly he might be satisfied to have congress impose the war taxes.

"Lucky" Baldwin's family has decided not to contest his will. Baldwin's luck will not be shared by the attorneys.

St. Patrick may outrank St. Jackson, but in Nebraska he will have to submit to Nebraska's motto, "Equality before the law."

If two members of the police board can do business for five, four members of the city council must be able to do business for twelve.

Ex-Senator Albert J. Hopkins is having difficulty in convincing the Illinois legislature that a primary is not a secondary matter.

The World-Herald declines to accept The Bee's challenge to make good. By its side-stepping and evasion it pleads guilty to falsifying.

In a few days Oyster Bay will give way to Mombasa, British East Africa, as the abiding place of America's most distinguished private citizen.

The attorneys for the defense in the Cooper-Carmack case are trying to prove that there is no closed season for editors in Tennessee.

The 73d anniversary of Grover Cleveland's birthday will be celebrated in New York today. Mr. Bryan, contrary to the usual announcement, will not speak.

Some of the southern states are bidding for the location of the Wirtz monument. It should be located at Andersonville, where he made his reputation.

President Taft will find that he can not scoop the Washington newspaper correspondents. They have even beaten him to the discovery that he is going to turn all republicans out of federal jobs in the south and fill the places with democrats.

A St. Louis woman is suing for a divorce because her husband threw a cabbage at Clay Clement during a performance. The woman is taking the case more seriously than the actor, who understands that the man could not afford to throw eggs.

The New Tariff Bill.

The Payne tariff bill presented in the house yesterday will, it is believed, meet the general approval of the consumers of the country and be accepted by producers and manufacturers without strenuous opposition, although many of its reductions are decidedly radical.

Even casual inspection of the bill as offered must be convincing of the sincere desire of the administration leaders to meet the demand for a downward revision of the schedules all along the line, wherever consistent with the maintenance of the principle of protection and the proper safeguarding of labor and capital in the industries.

The proposed bill calls for placing iron ore on the free list and a reduction of about 50 per cent on all iron and steel products. Lumber is reduced by 50 per cent. Farm machinery is placed on the free list. The tariff on wool is practically unchanged.

The chief concession to the consumer, in addition to the reduction of duties on certain farm products, is the placing of hides on the free list and the reduction by 50 per cent of the duties on shoes and most lines of manufactured leather.

As a pure revenue-getting proposition the most important innovation in the bill is the provision for an inheritance tax. This calls for a 5 per cent tax on all inheritances over \$500 that are collateral, or in which strangers are legatees.

The trade treaties with other countries are abrogated by the bill and a maximum and minimum tariff schedule adopted as a substitute for such agreements. The new bill provides that the maximum tax shall be imposed against products of countries that discriminate against American goods.

The new bill has been very thoroughly considered by the ways and means committee of the house and has the unanimous approval of the republican members of that committee. While some slight modifications may be expected in transit, there is little reason for any serious delay in the consideration and adoption of the measure by the house and its reference to the senate.

That a temporary halt has been called in the federal prosecution of cases against alleged trusts and unlawful combinations will doubtless be hailed by democrats as a weakening of the policies of Mr. Roosevelt and an indication of the lessening of activities of the government against the "vested interests" that have been under legal fire for several years.

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President Taft, one of the ablest lawyers in the nation, recently expressed his belief that "there is a great deal of junk" in the case.

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The protest of Mr. Clark, favors protecting many of the industries whose development has been urged by the south and other members of the minority are clamoring for protection of timber, lumber, coal, sugar, cotton and other interests and products of their districts.

The new attorney general is patiently going through the unfinished business account of his predecessor with a view to eliminating the junk from the docket. He understands that it would discredit the department to choke the courts and harass defendants with hurriedly prepared cases promising but the slightest chance of winning.

Discretionary Powers. The unthinking demand for the strict enforcement of every law on the statute books sometimes runs up against an obstacle in the house of its friends. An address on "Our Police and Penal Systems," delivered before the Omaha Philosophical society by L. J. Quinby and now put in print, advocates indeterminate sentences and very large discretionary powers for the courts, and then proposes to enlarge the discretionary powers of the police, as follows:

I would give the police not larger discretionary powers in bounding and arresting people, but I would allow them a larger discretion about leaving people free from arrest. By that I mean that our police officers should be taught to discriminate between offenders and not drag a man to jail for the least offense, as they do now.

In other words, there must be discretionary power lodged somewhere in the matter of law enforcement. The suggestion that the law against dropping banana peelings on the sidewalk, or allowing dogs to run at large, should be enforced as strictly as the law against murder and burglary is preposterous. Intelligent exercise of common sense by every law-enforcing officer, whether governor or mayor, judge or policeman, is the safety valve of government.

The sitting legislature is approaching the closing days of the session, with indications that the activities of the corporation lobbyists on the outside and the corporation representatives on the inside are to be even more active and more potent than in former Nebraska legislatures.

The republicans had managed in recent years to systematize and expedite legislative business so as to get along without resort to the sifting committee. As everyone knows, the sifting committee is the favorite stamping ground for the wire-pullers and manipulators and affords the machinery used to prevent bills frequently demanded by the majority from coming to a vote.

In a word, all signs indicate that Nebraska's democratic legislature, which set out with such loud promises and noisy protestations of reform, is to have a whirlwind finish in which the professional sand-bagger and the political acrobat will be the principal performers in the ring.

The Minorities' Incapacity. The reorganization of the house in the Sixty-first congress served to demonstrate again the apparent inability of the democrats to rise to an emergency when constructive rather than negative action is necessary. The co-operation of the republican "insurgents" and the democrats resulted in the defeat of the stand-patters' motion to adopt the rules of the old congress for the present session and the allied forces then had it in their power to make any needed changes.

At the critical point, however, a number of democrats weakened and refused to vote for the amended rules. The natural result was a compromise by which the power of the house oligarchy was materially weakened, but not destroyed, and the democratic members who had refused to abide by the agreement with the "insurgents" drew their reward in choice committee assignments.

Immediately after the reorganization the democrats met in caucus and indulged in one of their free-for-all caterwauling performances. In which charges of bad faith, party treason and treachery were bandied about without in any manner changing the demoralization of the minority and its usefulness as an efficient opposition force always beneficial in parliamentary bodies.

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The Boland bill has been amended to make any compromise agreement with the Omaha Water company in settlement of the pending water works litigation subject to a popular vote. The attorney for the Water board told the legislative committee that if so amended the Water board members would have no right to object to the bill. It remains to be seen now whether the Water board attorney really spoke for the board.

The Indiana legislature has passed a bill legalizing Sunday base ball on regular grounds, properly inclosed, which pay a tax ranging from \$50 to \$500 a year. Why tax Sunday base ball? It's a poor kind of conscience that can be greased with a dollar.

It seems that Omaha is compelled to renew maturing municipal bonds even under democratic administration. When it comes down to the hardpan of finance a city can no more pay off its debts than an individual except out of surplus revenues.

Mr. Bryan predicts that the national house of representatives will be democratic in 1910. Looking over the tariff schedules carefully you will find that Mr. Bryan's predictions are on the free list.

It is said that 15,000 doses of medicine have been placed among the stores Mr. Roosevelt will take to Africa. Unfortunately Mr. Roosevelt has never learned to take his medicine.

Unfortunately no camera fiend was present when Mr. Roosevelt was caught hanging to a strap in a New York street car and quarreling with the conductor about his transfer slip.

Senator Bailey has called at the White House and greeted President Taft, but Senator Tillman still has a blanket wrapped about him and refuses to return to the reservation.

Why should the democrats in the city hall want to oust the regular election officers and put their own creations in their places? Not for any good and honest purpose.

The local democrats who are talking about downing Mayor Jim in the coming primary should inspect the diagram of the gubernatorial race last fall and think it over.

There is to be a reduction of the duty on refined sugar, but the Sugar trust will not mind that if only allowed to fix the scales on which the imports are weighed.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner will proceed to jubilate because the State university has been saved from the blight of "tainted" money by the votes of a few "tainted" legislators.

Business men who are anxious to have congress dispose of the tariff promptly should pray for regular Washington hot weather late in May or early in June.

Queer Case of Hitting In. Boston Herald. Gifford Pinchot's testimony that free lumber would not protect American forests looks a bit queer, coming just at this stage of the game.

Don't Be Too Sure. Boston Herald. It can at least be said in commendation of the action of Nebraska in refusing the benefits of the Carnegie pension fund for the professors of its state university that it isn't trying to straddle two horses for a free ride, but to get other states we wot of nearby.

A Safe Prediction. New York Tribune. Senator McLaughlin is quoted as predicting that the new tariff law will be something of a fraud upon the nation. We do not think, however, that the president will have occasion to characterize it, as the last democratic president did the last democratic tariff, as a piece of "perfidy and dishonor."

Around New York

Snuggles on the Current of Life in the Great American Metropolis from Day to Day.

Weehawken is a side partner of Hoboken, perched on the Jersey Palisades, opposite New York City. The town was once a ferry landing for sports on the way to the turf on race track gambling.

At the height of the conflict the priest entered the room. His eyes flashed as he surveyed the crowd. Fighting ceased.

The priest, in a tone they had never heard before, told the men what he thought of their disgraceful behavior. In his lecture he spared none.

The largest real estate deal made in the financial district of New York in several years was put through last Saturday.

The Germania Life Insurance company has been holding its property at \$1,500,000, and it is understood that the actual price paid was close to that figure.

A Salome dance was performed on the witness stand in the supreme court in Brooklyn one day last week before Justice Clark and a jury.

Free Cuba is fighting bulls again. It felt that it just had to fight something.

Thomas R. Shipp, secretary of the National Conservation commission, used to be an Indianapolis reporter, which is where he learned to conserve.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota, is a frugal man. When he visits the president he leaves his cigar butt on the window ledge of the White House and recovers it when he leaves.

New York state's collections relating to Indian life are to be enriched by a gift of \$25,000 from Mrs. Frederick F. Thompson.

Since the war the United States has had five presidents—Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Thur and Taft—who had a middle initial, and six—Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt—who had none.

Recently Captain James Blakely of Oregon visited Vancouver, Wash., for the first time in fifty years. When he first saw it Vancouver was a cluster of cabins snugly tucked up to a military post.

The climber was Ernest Capelle, steeply up No. 96 Baltic street, Brooklyn. The climber is 37; they call him the oldest man in Oregon. He crossed the plains in 1846.

Equalizing Freight Rates. Importance of Recent Rulings of Commerce Commission. Railroad rate discrimination between the interstate commerce commission. A railroad cannot adjust its rate schedules to force commodities into a particular city or port.

THE ONLY BAKING POWDER made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar. Royal Baking Powder is the greatest of time and labor savers to the pastry cook.

QUILL DRIVES AT OMAHA. Nebraska City Press. The Omaha bunch evidently forgot to ask the legislature to pass a law legalizing prize fighting in Douglas county so they could pull off the Jeffries-Johnson match in Omaha.

WHITTLED TO A POINT. "Do you think the influence of the theater is pernicious?" "Certainly it is," snapped the lady with the latest military. "Didn't they start the habit of making us take off our hats? Well, the churches are beginning to do the same thing."—Philadelphia Ledger.

STRENUOUS DAYS. Detroit Free Press. The foreman of the newsroom sat panting in his chair. On his face a look of anguish, in his eyes a glassy stare.

PERSONAL NOTES. Free Cuba is fighting bulls again. It felt that it just had to fight something.

When Your Eyes Burn. It is a warning to give them attention at once. The chances are that you are suffering from overstrained eyes.



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