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WHEN OUT OF TOWN:
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It is not too early to make plans for a sane April 1.

Castro proposes to violate the rules of syntax by coming to a full stop at Colon.

Perhaps the legislature ought also to have hired a lawyer to draw the Omaha charter bill.

It might help the Rough Riders some if they were to practice the Yale college yell.

The storm window may not be artistic, but it is safer to leave it alone for a few weeks more.

Still, there are many persons in the country who would take delight in paying an inheritance tax.

The lumber men may be expected to do a little log rolling around the proposed tariff schedules.

"Youth is fresh and joyous," sings a magazine poet. No room for argument if the "and joyous" is dropped.

Mr. Payne and his associates might have had more peace if they had placed a prohibitive duty on hammers.

The promoters of a "Seeing Buffalo" car have given up in disgust. Why should any one want to see Buffalo?

Thursday was a dull day in the Russian courts, only thirty-one political prisoners being condemned to death.

"Is it possible to commit an oral assault?" asks a Cleveland editor, who is advised to read the Congressional Record.

Linemen are up in arms over the tariff bill and propose to take the starch out of the collars and cuffs schedule.

The Roosevelt democrat has been in evidence for several years, but the Joecannon democrat is a present season novelty.

A census bulletin shows that there are 120,000 physicians in the United States. Still the country is reasonably healthy.

Deposit guaranty is now guaranteed a place among the laws of Nebraska. Who wants to start a bank? Don't all speak at once.

It must be remembered that the early spring variety of weather which is hard on base ball is simply fine for alfalfa and ducks.

Physicians have advised Mr. Harriman to be more careful of his diet. In other words, he should quit trying to digest railroads.

There may be some political significance in the announcement that Mr. Bryan's new automobile is equipped with a siren whistle.

It may be noticed that the telegraph companies are not throwing bouquets at President Taft for the brevity of his messages to congress.

Democrats will probably insist that the republican tariff bill was dictated by Mr. Carnegie because curling stones are on the free list.

Japan has cut down its budget by \$178,000,000 in order to bring the expenses within the revenues. Clearly Japan is not strictly following the American model.

Europe's Bread Supply.

In response to a bulletin issued by the United States Department of Agriculture calling attention to the growing dependence of Europe upon foreign countries for its supply of breadstuffs, Earl Carrington, president of the British Board of Agriculture, has been compiling statistics to show that the British colonies are so rapidly increasing their production of wheat that the English have nothing to fear for years from higher priced breadstuffs. The figures presented by the earl, while far from convincing, serve to direct the attention of American wheat growers to the source of their future competition.

According to the British statistics, Australia is now using about 6,000,000 acres of land for wheat, with an average annual yield of nine bushels to the acre. The high price has made wheat growing profitable, even at the small yield, and it is expected that the acreage will be doubled within a few years. Canada is producing about 15,000,000 bushels of wheat annually and the Canadian field is but partially developed. The Grand Trunk railway, now being extended to the Pacific coast, the contract having been let for the 900 miles of road from Edmonton to Prince Rupert, will open up the famous Nehaco valley, said by experts to be capable of doubling the Canadian grain output as soon as transportation facilities are furnished. The opening of this country will not only add materially to the Canadian cereal production, but will offer a new transcontinental railroad line with its consequent effect upon traffic rates in this country.

In addition to the Canadian and Australian supply, the British authorities are doing everything possible to encourage the development of the wheat growing industry in India. Only 10 per cent of the cultivated area there is under wheat and but little of the cereal has been exported. It is possible that India may eventually raise as much wheat as Canada, Australia and New Zealand combined, but conditions have not been encouraging for several years, owing to the ravages of drouth and rust. The British South African colonies do not raise wheat enough for their own use.

The figures quoted seem almost insignificant compared with this country's showing of 45,000,000 acres devoted to wheat, with an annual crop of about 650,000,000 bushels. In spite of the attempt to reassure the English people, the fact remains that they must for some time at least depend upon the United States and Argentina for their wheat supplies. England has increased its wheat purchases in this country by over 80 per cent in the last twenty years, now taking nearly 100,000,000 bushels annually. The production of wheat in England is constantly decreasing, while the population and the demand for white bread is as constantly growing. Russia has made a bid for the English market, but the Russian surplus is seldom large, and the other wheat growing countries in Europe have all they can do to supply the home demands. Under the circumstances, the United States may be expected to serve as the granary of England for many years to come.

Stops Short of the Mark.

Nebraska's new banking law does one good thing, but in that it does not go far enough. It limits the compensation which may be drawn by receivers of failed banks to not less than \$3 nor more than \$10 per day, as may be fixed by the State Banking board. The opportunity for a receiver to eat up the assets of a bank by putting in a claim for fancy salary is, therefore, shut off except as he may increase his compensation to getting as many days as possible.

But a loophole remains in leaving without limit "the necessary clerk hire and attorneys' fees." Some of the worst abuses of bank receiverships have grown out of the appointment of attorneys to the receivers, who have put in fee bills for legal services that line the pockets of the favored lawyers while the depositors hold the sack.

The banking bill should have limited the lawyers' fees so that the lawyers could not eat up the substance of the creditors any more than the receivers.

Better Bank Examinations.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray has taken another forward step by issuing an order requiring national bank examiners to co-operate with clearing house examiners and authorities and with state bank examiners. The national bank examiners have heretofore acted entirely independent of other examining authorities, never co-operating or lending aid to any other system of examiners and seldom receiving any assistance in return. Comptroller Murray believes that the new order will bring about an exchange of information and further the development of a better system for keeping intelligent check upon the transactions of the financial institutions of the country.

Good good is expected to follow Mr. Murray's instructions to his examiners that they must co-operate in every possible way with the state bank examiners, who are at work going over the accounts of the trust companies and state banks. This will have the result of leading to simultaneous examinations of the state and national banks, and national examiners have been advised to wait, if necessary, until they can get the aid of the state officers. This is particularly advised in cases where trust companies, national banks and state banks occupy the same quarters or are controlled through some system of joint or com-

mon ownership. In such instances, it is asserted, there has in the past been a shifting of assets back and forth among the institutions for the purpose of making a good showing. With the examination of two related financial institutions at the same time a transfer of accounts and assets would be useless.

The men at the head of the big and sound financial institutions will welcome a stricter examination system, just as they have approved Comptroller Murray's requirement of complete reports from directors of national banks and his other plans for placing responsibility for the conduct of a bank more directly upon its officers. The enforcement of his regulations will do away with the dummy director in all national banking institutions and his proposed co-operation among the national and state bank examiners and the officers of clearing house associations should have the effect of strengthening the banking system of the entire country.

Opening Their Eyes.

As the city election approaches with the assured prospect that the hottest fight will be pulled off over the election of the police board, the people who were most urgent for an elective police commission must be having their eyes opened to the fact that the objectionable features pointed out by The Bee in advance are already beginning to be realized. With the direct primary requiring no other prerequisite than a petition bearing 200 signatures and without even a filing fee, the incentive to take a gamble on landing such a desirable job promises to produce a list of entries so numerous as to make intelligent selection impossible without some kind of guidance to the voter.

While the charter defines certain disqualifications which bar men in particular callings from aspiring to be police commissioners and prohibits the holding of state, county or city office at the same time, it establishes no qualifications whose possession would serve as a test of fitness. In other words, anyone with a residence here long enough to make him an elector and not within the proscribed callings may freely go into the race and stand to lose nothing no matter what his chance of winning out. The temptation, too, for members of the police and fire departments, which ought to be free from politics, to mix in in order to have a friend on the board is likewise being manifested.

The elective police commission is likely to prove like the new toy to the child who cries until he gets it and then suddenly realizes that he has something he does not care for.

Governor Shallenberger has affixed his signature to the deposit guaranty bill, thus completing the steps necessary to get it on the statute books. The new law vests in the governor the appointment of the bank commissioner and his clerks and all the bank examiners. No democrat would ever turn down a chance to cut up a piece of pie like that.

There are seven candidates seeking the nomination for mayor in the coming municipal primary, but only three of them have joined in the application to the court to prevent Mayor "Jim" from gobbling up all the election officials. Three mayoralty candidates have a right to feel insulted if they were not invited to draw cards in the game.

South Omaha's new city charter by failure of the emergency clause will not take effect until next July. It would have been better if the Omaha charter bill had been shorn of its emergency clause so as to give time for readjustment of the municipal departments affected. That is where South Omaha has the lead on Omaha.

For some peculiar reason that \$800 salary attached to a membership in the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for Omaha looks almost as big to some people as the \$600 stipend attached to membership in the Water board.

When it comes to a question of ingratitude Mayor "Jim" should turn some of his attention to the local democratic organ, whose staff members he has appointed to at least two responsible positions under his administration.

Ratsull's acceptance of the governorship of a Morocco province is pretty good evidence that American tourists with money are not visiting that section of the world in great number this year.

Why do republican leaders treat platform pledges so lightly?—Mr. Bryan's Commemorative.

Ask the twenty-three democrats who voted with the Cannonites in violation of the Denver platform.

Omaha's new Young Women's Christian association building has been formally opened. Omaha is proud of the work of its Young Women's Christian association, as well as of their building.

A dirt-hauling wagon that neither sifts its contents through a skimmer-like bottom nor spills them over a wide-open top would be of great assistance in keeping Omaha's streets cleaner.

A new and very stringent vagrancy law has just gone into force in the District of Columbia. Office-seekers who have no visible means of support will govern themselves accordingly.

The Bee has for more than a year been advocating and working for a division of the railway mail service with

headquarters at Omaha. The new division is coming in the course of time, but it will come sooner with a strong and steady pull joined in by all who ought to be interested in the accomplishment.

The Coopers, charged with the murder of former Senator Carmack, have changed the plans they made when the trial was new for spending the summer in Europe.

Champ Clark wants a rule to prevent democrats in the house from bolting the party caucuses. The rule might be broadened to apply to democrats everywhere.

Jerry Howard's explanation of why he disagrees with his democratic colleagues on the Douglas delegation shows that Jerry is perspicuous as well as irrepressible.

"There are no scientific men in congress," says Dr. Wiley, who is to be congratulated for finally thinking of something good to say of congress.

When the nine-foot bedsheet bill becomes a law it will make navigating a little difficult for the man with "three sheets in the wind."

An Unfinished Task.

How can Mr. Harriman retire when there are at least five or six railroads he has not yet benevolently assimilated?

No Work, No Pay.

Speaker Cannon dispatches to dock the pay of absentee congressmen. Well, why not? They are paid for the specific duty of attending all of the sessions of congress and "voting upon every measure." Well paid, too.

Kicking Democratic Coils.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Champ Clark is understood to be Mr. Bryan's choice for minority leader, a fact that accounts for the increasing number of democratic insurgents in the house. The appetite for a fourth bidding is small and declining. Besides, Mr. Clark hails from a Taft state.

Conciliation Oil Works Well.
Boston Herald.

The Aldrich scheme of pacifying the senatorial insurgents by taking them into camp and giving them good committee places is rather more advantageous and conciliatory than the Uncle Joe method of dealing with the insurgents of the house by putting them in a hole and plugging up the exit.

An Imposing Penman.
Pittsburg Dispatch.

By the interesting, if not veracious, route of San Francisco comes the intelligence that the impending war between Nicaragua and San Salvador was postponed in order to permit the belligerent populations to enjoy jointly the startling and marvelous acts of a traveling circus. On the important matter that this interesting story is verified, it suggests the elevation of the circus from a means of entertainment and instruction—in the posters—to an instrument for securing the long-expected universal peace.

Seeking First Hand Information.
San Francisco Chronicle.

Several of the members of President Taft's cabinet will soon begin tours of inspection to various parts of the country. The secretary of war will visit Panama, the secretary of the interior will go to Alaska, the secretary of the navy will inspect the various naval bases and the secretary of agriculture will take in the experiment stations and the packing houses in the west. It is evident that the value of first-hand information as seen by President Taft in his own world travels, will be kept prominently in view during the present administration.

TIME FOR REFLECTION.

An Emperor's Speculation Put to a Practical Test.
Boston Herald.

Herr von Droschke, conservative member of the Reichstag, quotes the kaiser as saying: "For twenty years of my reign people have been finding fault with me. If I were to leave Germany one day and go to the other end of the world the country would perhaps be surprised and apologize to me for much that has been said. Possibly the distinguished American who left his country Tuesday for darkest Africa may have been inspired by similar faith in the efficacy of time and space, and the consequent opportunity for reflection in the various judgments of contemporaries. It may not be necessary after all, for a man to die to have his eulogies pronounced. It may be enough to go to the uttermost parts of the earth. Colonel Roosevelt will put the kaiser's speculation to a practical test.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Lee is on the free list of the tariff bill. The lee man's duty will be levied later.

Just to show that he could outdo a Taft message without exhausting his stock of words, Champ Clark pulled off a speech five hours long, sixty yards wide and nearly all about wool.

Senator Tillman is quite happy in tossing bouquets to the Taft administration. At the same time his pitchfork has been inserted in the cuticle of the Cannonized democrats in congress.

A minister of Trenton, N. J., called to pray for prayer at two of the sessions of the legislature, returned the customary fee of \$10 per prayer with the remark that a money consideration for such a duty lowers the dignity of the function.

Chicago's charter revision commission has approved the recall as one of the provisions of the tentative document. If it should become the law of the city, 15 per cent of the voters, if dissatisfied with public servants, could pull the chairs from under them.

The city of Berkeley, Cal., has adopted a reform charter, prepared by Prof. William C. Jones of the University of California, which centralizes executive and legislative power in a mayor and four commissioners, and provides the initiative, referendum and recall.

The Brooklyn alderman, who was absent from duty quite a while, returned the pay given him for that time, coupled with the strange remark that what he did not earn he was not entitled to. If that doctrine found ready acceptance in public life public taxes might be out in two and still give public treasuries money to burn.

The police commission of Lowell, Mass., which sought to prevent a policeman running for mayor, had unusual foresight. They knew the policeman knew a thing or two about the commission's methods and his election would jar the harmonious operations of the board. It did. The policeman mayor has dismissed the board on charges of wilful violations of law.

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