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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.

Last chance for March to act lamb-like.

The man with liberal views is always anxious to distribute samples.

Oyster Bay citizens may now devote their spare time to fighting cowboys.

The Balkan war clouds are now obscured by a cloud of diplomatic dust.

The "Never Touched Me" sign is still on both the North and South poles.

Another lesson which the direct primary should teach is how to be a good loser.

The women seem to be pretty unanimous in desiring to darn the stockings-tax.

Some congressmen seek to make light of the oil joker in the Payne tariff bill.

While Castro is loudly demanding justice, he is probably hoping that he won't get it.

Thirteen hunters were injured by African lions last year. Those lions will get theirs this year.

If the members of our city council were wise they would not boast about that odorous garbage contract.

The entire state of Arkansas has gone dry, so the "Arkansas Traveler" will not have to shingle his roof.

Mr. Roosevelt left half of his guns at home. Peace societies will note this example of a reduction of armament.

A Boston paper has a long article on the origin of grapefruit. Most people are more interested in the destination of it.

The "Merry Widow" hat may be forced into the new style, if it will stand for being turned down over the shoulders.

In a few days now more attention will be paid to throwing arms and battling eyes than to minor matters like tariff schedules.

Three years in the city hall has improved Mayor Jim's oratory, even though it may not have improved his rope-throwing ability.

When it comes to reading the other fellows out of the party neither faction of the local democracy has any the better of the other.

Winston Churchill says the African lions are as cowardly as the American coyotes. Can't blame the lions, if they know who's coming.

The wife of the American ambassador at Paris has been under the knife. The ambassador, it is reported, is about to go under the axe.

It looks as if the "insurgent" republicans and democrats were trying to get even with Speaker Cannon by firing tariff speeches at him.

Servia can no longer claim a reputation for bravery. It surrendered to pressure brought by Austria, France, England, Germany and Russia.

The net effect of the operation of a bank guaranty law is that if the banks must go down they will go down in a heap, the strong with the weak and the honest with the dishonest.

## No Coal Strike.

The leaders of the anthracite coal miners are to be congratulated in having refused to precipitate a strike at this time. They have voted to continue work, pending negotiations for a readjustment of terms with the mine operators to take the place of the three-year agreement, which expires on April 1. The decision is a victory for the anthracite workers over the leaders of the United Mine Workers' association, who are dominated by the forces working in the bituminous mines, where conditions are radically different from those prevailing in the anthracite regions.

A readjustment of the working agreement should be possible without serious difficulty if the miners can advance good reasons for a change. The mine operators have positively refused to deal with the miners as members of the United Mine Workers' association, but express a willingness to deal with unions of their own men. This reduces the difference on that point to a technicality and the miners are wise in declaring that the recognition of their general union is not the most important question involved in the controversy. The remaining questions relate entirely to wages, hours and methods of weighing, all of which should be settled without resort to a strike.

The proposed appeal by the miners to President Taft seems to be premature. The precedent established in that direction by President Roosevelt in 1902 was based on conditions which do not now exist. The country was then facing a coal famine and the entire country was demanding relief from the intolerable conditions which had resulted from a prolonged coal strike. At the present time the miners are working under an agreement made at the instance of the commission appointed by President Roosevelt. President Taft could hardly interfere except as a last resort and then only to appoint another commission to investigate conditions and perhaps act as an arbitration board.

If the mine operators should refuse to deal with such a board there is as yet no public pressure to influence them to do so as there was in the 1902 strike. The miners and the operators, the parties directly interested, should settle the differences between themselves.

## Democrats East and South.

The row in the democratic ranks in the lower house of congress is being accepted in democratic circles as the beginning of the end of the present control of the party, and plans are already being made for a battle royal to reorganize the party machinery before the next presidential contest. Indications point to a realignment of the democratic factions, with the east and south united against further domination by the Bryanistic wing of the organization. This is being foreshadowed not only by the attitude of the eastern democrats, who have always been hostile, or at least lukewarm, to Bryan, and by the marked defection of the democratic leaders of the south who have heretofore allied themselves with the Bryan followers in the west and thus controlled the national machinery of the party.

It requires no political sage to realize that the democrats can not win in a national campaign without carrying a number of eastern states. Mr. Bryan has tried three times with support from the south and west, but has been unable to deliver the goods, to make any decent showing in the east. Mr. Cleveland won twice by a combination of the south and east. Judge Parker lost, largely because he had a following in the east which was wholly objectionable to the rank and file of his own party. Mr. Bryan and the democrats of the east are facing in different directions on every public issue and the south is said to be weary of trying to face both ways.

The south is showing pronounced symptoms of breaking away from Bryanism for good and all. The fight on the tariff bill has aroused the south to the need of protection for its industries and even Pennsylvania is no more lusty in calls for protection than are some of the southern states. Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida have joined in sending delegations to Washington to protest against reduction of the Dingley duties on cotton fabrics. Mississippi and Louisiana are clamoring for retention of the duty on sugar and rice. Texas wants the duty on wool and hides kept and Alabama and Tennessee want the iron ore industries protected. Practically every southern state has broken away from the free trade theories of the Bryanites and is working for the measure of protection deemed necessary to encourage and develop its special industries. The Charleston News and Courier, while opposed to Bryan, is still true to the old traditions of the party on the tariff and offers this word of warning:

The danger is that the vociferation of the groups of southern men representing industries important in themselves, but deserving small consideration in relation to the great body of southern men and women who must be fed and clothed, will drive or frighten democratic congressmen from their first duty to their constituents. Unless the southern democrats in congress stand to their guns in spite of the clamor of some of their constituents, the democratic party in the south will break up in disorder long before President Taft's benign southern policy of common sense and conciliation shall seriously threaten to effect that result.

Industrialism is getting to be as widely diffused below the old slavery demarcation line, as on that line's northern side and the south is accordingly viewing the tariff from a new angle. The conflicting viewpoints

have started a democratic war in congress and its certain spread promises either reorganization or dissolution of the party before 1912.

## Former Chancellor Canfield.

Dr. James H. Canfield, who has just passed away in New York, guided the destiny of the University of Nebraska as its chancellor at one of its most critical periods, and guided it successfully, measured by results. Chancellor Canfield's incumbency lifted our State university from the rank of a secondary school to that of a college of higher education. His work raised the institution up to the point where it no longer needed the props of preparatory departments and laid out the field into which it has since been expanded.

While in scholarship Dr. Canfield may not have ranked with some of our other chancellors, for energy, persistence and practical management he stood unequalled. His contribution to the University of Nebraska could best be characterized as that of an educational organizer and popularizer, and it came in just at the time it was absolutely needed for the future of the institution. Not only those who studied at the university during his chancellorship, but also those who shall study there ever after, will be the beneficiaries of what he did and should pay tribute to his memory.

## Improving Railroad Earnings.

Detailed reports of the earnings of the railroads for January and for the fiscal year to date show a marked increase over the business for the corresponding period of last year, and later estimates, covering February and March, indicate a degree of improvement that is admittedly satisfactory. The compilations have been made by the New York Financial Review from the reports of railroads to the Interstate Commerce commission. The figures have the advantage of uniformity of method and classification as the companies are required by law to make their returns on the same business and in the same way. As a result, the figures are clearly comparable and the totals have a significance impossible to obtain under the old system of reports.

Reports covering about 230,000 miles of railroads, practically all the big systems being included, show gross earnings for January of the present year to have been \$146,197,828, compared with \$138,276,186 for January, 1908. The earnings were distributed as follows: Freight, \$101,430,863, as against \$94,452,128, in January, 1908; passenger, \$32,717,481, as against \$31,945,992; other transportation revenue, \$10,585,738, against \$10,332,130; nontransportation revenue, \$1,463,756, against \$1,558,935. This represents a gross revenue of \$872.86 per mile of line as compared with \$841.40 for January of last year.

While the gross earnings for January, 1909 were about \$8,000,000 better than a year ago, there was but slight change in the operating expenses of the roads, these amounting to \$105,705,557 for January last, as against \$105,288,919 for January, a year ago. The increase was almost entirely in the items of maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment. The total net earnings for January, 1909, were \$40,382,332, compared with \$33,141,501 for January, 1908. The figures furnish convincing proof of the steady return to normal business conditions. While the railroads suffered heavily in the early months of the panic, which began in the fall of 1907, they are now sharing fully in the general improvement.

## Municipal Consolidation.

The movement for the merger of St. Paul and Minneapolis under one municipal government has reached the stage in which a commission has been created by legislative enactment to draw up a plan of consolidation of the Twin cities. If St. Paul and Minneapolis should be made one the combined city will immediately take rank among the top-notchers with a population of approximately 500,000, and with corresponding business and social prestige. While it may take some time yet before this municipal merger is perfected, it is certain to eventuate in the comparatively near future.

The progress made toward the union of St. Paul and Minneapolis holds up another object lesson for Omaha and South Omaha. Omaha and South Omaha are closer together geographically and have more interests in common than St. Paul and Minneapolis. They are, and for some time have been in fact, one community, although with two separate city governments. The inevitable merger of Omaha and South Omaha is likewise merely a matter of time, the only question being whether it shall be pushed to completion soon or let drag along indefinitely, while the benefits that would accrue to both are in the interval wasted.

Three years ago, although the primary law was the same, the official ballot in the municipal primaries was not rotated, whereas this year we have a rotated ballot. The lawyers can read the same statute differently as often as the needs of the case require.

Lieutenant Shackelford failed to reach the South pole because he ran out of food. It is refreshing to know that there is one place in the world that is not supplied with a quick lunch counter.

An alderman at Atlantic City has introduced an ordinance prohibiting photographers from snap-shooting the bathing girls. That alderman must

be in the pay of some rival summer resort.

Mr. Bryan's request for a school of politics at the State University has by his order been endorsed by the democratic legislature. Wonder if that makes the request any stronger?

"Hetty Green has left Hoboken," says a New York dispatch. Naturally, as even so grasping a person as Mrs. Green would hardly care to take Hoboken with her.

The Whitlans are showing that they are good citizens in refusing to be satisfied with the return of their son and insisting upon the punishment of his kidnappers.

Governor Deneen has refused the senatorship from Illinois. It is rumored that Albert J. Hopkins of Aurora is willing to consider an offer of the place.

Omaha club women are to listen to a talk on theosophy by a lecturer carrying the name of Jinarajadasa. There can be no question of misbranding there.

Mr. Roosevelt is to carry an artificial ice plant with him on his African trip. Can Colonel Watterston tell us whether mint grows in the African jungles?

A democratic paper in the south refers to the minority in congress as "brainless, soulless and leaderless." Otherwise it is said to be all right.

## Working for Another Fall?

The octopus is again in danger of vigorous assault. It seems the more oil is poured upon it the more trouble the waters become.

## Hope Gets a Knock.

Tough luck for Wall street. Just as Roosevelt said for the jungle, it is announced that the administration is preparing to do a few stunts in up-to-date trust-busting.

## Useless Delay.

The country will be pardoned if it indulges the hope that tariff revision isn't going to be held up until the democrats in congress settle their differences. Few people now on earth will live long enough to see democratic differences settled.

## Des Moines Under Commission Rule.

One year of nonpartisan business administration of municipal affairs in Des Moines created a surplus of \$20,000, whereas a deficit of \$180,000 had accumulated under the old political regime. It is a simple matter for any city to discover the tribute which it is paying to partisan politics. Now which is the financial saving the full measure of profit in nonpolitical administration. When responsibility is solely to the people, and political liability is eliminated, the public service is improved. The city of Haverhill, nearer at hand, is furnishing an example of improvement under business administration which quite equals that of Des Moines.

## WHAT'S THE USE?

## A Question Numbers of Democrats

Charles W. Smith (dem.)  
The somewhat ludicrous spectacle of disarray presented by the democratic minority (or minorities) in the house of representatives is not likely to give place to an orderly reorganization. The seat of the trouble is Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Bryan stands in the way of democratic harmony now as he has in the past. What broke it up? "What is the use?" is the question that numbers of democratic ask themselves. "Why should we endeavor to maintain party discipline while an impossible and perpetual candidate for president remains, and is a party worth fighting for while its objects are subordinated to the personal ambition of one man and his associates?" What would be the value of a minor victory over Speaker Cannon if we are doomed to defeat again in 1912, and so long as this man's mastery is acknowledged? Such is the reasoning that brings despair to the democrats, that takes all the heart out of their opposition to republican policies and leaves to Mr. Clark the vain privilege of amusing himself with the conduct of a make-believe opposition.

Mr. Bryan ought to be the most discredited politician that has held the leadership of any great party. No man has had so many chances. No man has made so little of them. No man has embodied so many "paradoxical" issues. No man has so failed to make any issue vital. In 1898 Mr. Cleveland led his party to defeat as a tariff reformer, but the issue survived and victory came with it four years later. Mr. Bryan in 1896 made free silver virtually the single issue and was defeated. Four years later and still preaching silver he was worsted. In 1900, representing no idea or issue that one vividly recalls and projecting chiefly his own personality, he was again defeated, and after bringing this deluge of disasters to his party he insistently lingers as a receptive candidate for the nomination in 1912, and his party in congress is in fear and partly in disgust at the prospect, asks, "What's the use?" As for Champ Clark, what can the poor man do?

## PERSONAL NOTES.

The decision of President Taft has been told to the marines, and cheered them mightily.  
Joseph L. Bristol, a new senator from Kansas is the son of a circuit rider and was born in a log cabin in the mountains of Kentucky.  
Senator Shively of Indiana and his colleague, Beveridge, are rivals for the title of the handsomest man in the senate.  
The chair in the White House formerly used by President Roosevelt has been broken down under the weight of President Taft, proving the instability of "the seat of the mighty."

It is claimed for George Fletcher Hawkes, a manufacturer of gold pens, who died Sunday at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., at the age of 77, that he was the inventor of the stylographic fountain pen.  
William P. Henzley, for fifty years connected with the Baldwin locomotive works in Philadelphia and active for many years in the conduct of its affairs, has just died at the age of 77. Mr. Henzley had charge of the designing, and more than 25,000 locomotives were built under his direction.  
Fruit growers throughout New York state mourn the death of Prof. Mark D. Slingerland, entomologist of the New York State College of Agriculture, at Cornell university. To the researchers of Prof. Slingerland's fruit growers owe much of the success which has come to them in the eternal battle against insect pests.

## Disrupted Party

Democratic Representatives Needless and Unable to Take Advantage of Opportunities.

Recent developments in congress serve to emphasize the fact that the democratic party is without a head. "It is a fine thing for the party in power that there is not a harmonious, wisely led opposition party at this time," said a republican senator, quoted by the Boston Transcript correspondent. "If there was an opposition party that amounted to anything, the republicans would be greatly concerned about the state and congressional elections that are to be held next year. As it is we are not alarmed. Disorganized and leaderless as it is the opposition party cannot hope to take advantage of the opportunity that is before it."

Reviewing the political situation outlined in the senator's comment the correspondent continues:

"As a result of a lack of national leadership the minority party has come face to face with a revision of the tariff without having a fixed policy to be followed in dealing with the subject. Under wise leadership the party would have marked out its path weeks in advance of the appearance of the bill prepared by the ways and means committee. The cold fact is that most of the democratic members of consequence have been sitting around for weeks wondering what could be done to get out of the republicans' clutches. They are still maneuvering with their hands behind their backs. Under the circumstances no one was surprised when one democratic member of the ways and means committee voted to report the Payne bill without a single change. Perhaps the democratic member was justified in casting his vote as he did, for his party had nothing to offer at that time. Displaying the weakness it has so frequently displayed in congress, the minority had waited until it had learned what the party in power had to propose before giving any thought to what it ought to offer the country. In the estimation of observers the minority party has before it an excellent opportunity to gain favor with the country by opposing with vigor the extravagances of the federal government. But, apparently, the party under its present leadership in congress is not planning to take advantage of the situation. The record of the recent billion dollar session does not reveal that the democratic members of the legislature have appropriated. Certainly it did not seem to offer at that time. Displaying the weakness it has so frequently displayed in congress, the minority had waited until it had learned what the party in power had to propose before giving any thought to what it ought to offer the country. 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