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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.

A beautiful windy Easter Sunday—and the next day it snowed.

A Georgia man ate dynamite. It was simply a case of falling down and taking the elevator.

In regard to the impartial enforcement of the Bloomer law Omaha was never so well governed as at present.—World-Herald.

The promoters have lost an opportunity. They have not yet been around selling airship stock.

If Governor Shallenberger wants some really high-class colonels, better use the advertising columns of The Bee.

Trimming a shade tree has a tendency to widen the field of view, but it does not work that way with the big hat.

The mild winter in the east has helped out the coal pile, but the summer price of ice is to be higher. Blessings are seldom twins.

That Canadian who eloped with his mother-in-law explains that he had to keep her anyhow and couldn't afford to maintain two households.

A Boston paper is printing daily stories of the late B. Franklin. It is a shame to put some of them into a man who cannot be here to defend himself.

Railroad statistics indicate that over 60,000 people have settled in the rural districts of Washington this spring. A few more years of such records will solve the problem of settlement in that section.

Mayor Jim and his democratic associates promise to stand on any platform that is built for them. Give them the offices and they don't care who writes the platform or what they write into it.

The new cult "pragmatism" is defined as the acceptance of all that is true, wherever found. If every man who thinks he knows it all joins the sect its membership will be large enough to command attention.

The president is having some trouble finding suitable material for diplomatic positions. The crop of lame ducks is fully as large as usual, but the quality of the material does not appear to be up to standard.

Mr. Bryan's trip to Texas to plead with the democratic legislature there to enact a deposit guaranty law failed at the desired effect. Texas now goes on the black list along with Colonel Guffey and Congressman Fitzgerald.

The smart lawyer's interpretation of the 5 o'clock closing law as referring only to the sale of liquor offers the thirsty man some consolation. He may stand in front of the bar and think about it all night, if he pleases.

It ought not to be a difficult matter to frame a democratic platform this year.—World-Herald.

Certainly not. Put anything into it you please and then add this clause: "We promise everything and deliver nothing."

Mr. Harriman announces that since his return from his vacation he feels "like a new man. If the new man indicates the record of the old one there will not be much left in the line of railroads for the other fellows to play with.

Mr. Bailey's Outburst.

Senator Bailey of Texas is in an ill humor, or at least he was Saturday. It is a habit Mr. Bailey has. Whether he worked enough of it out of his system on that occasion to enable him to see things in a more cheerful light has not yet developed.

With this as a text, Mr. Bailey proceeded to state his opinion that Mr. Taft had a less desirable preparation for the presidency than any man who ever occupied that position.

The voters last November did not take Mr. Bailey's view of the matter and nothing has since transpired to lead them to endorse either his premise or his conclusions. In the first place, Mr. Taft's service on the bench was not of sufficient duration for him to have acquired the propensities indicated.

The only apparent unfitness which long continued service on the bench might logically be expected to engender would be a lack of administrative ability.

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There is no president could effectively help, and none would continue to be disposed to help, those who are repellent or coldly distant. There is certainly now a happy conjunction. We have a president who sincerely wishes to actively co-operate with us to promote our general welfare, and our people believe in him and give him their fullest confidence.

The south needs the north, with its restless activity, to make it measure up to the fullness of its opportunities. Theoretically, the antagonism which once kept the two sections apart has long since passed away. It needs but the warm personality of a leader like Mr. Taft to render that sentiment a moving, impelling force.

The action of the French government in ordering Castro out of Martinique marks another phase in a new era in South and Central American affairs. The United States, Mexico and European nations have come to the conclusion that the interests of the world peace demand more settled conditions in that section of the universe.

Investments by their citizens have reached such proportions that revolutions must no longer be permitted to be the chief industry in the so-called republics.

In times past it has been the common practice for politicians out of power to repair to some nearby port, under another flag, and there await the opportunity to start a revolution to overturn the existing government.

That subject which he made during the campaign.

When the appraisers made that award of \$6,263,295.49 every member of the Water board proclaimed at the top of his voice that he would never, never think of paying it. Now the Water board is asking the taxpayers of Omaha to vote a \$6,500,000 mortgage on their property to enable them to hand over the money to the Water company.

Senator Aldrich must be a diplomat as well as a statesman. He is said to have broken it gently to the delegation of Chicago women that the tariff on stockings was not levied on the basis of size.

Greater Omaha is on the way, but it would take a good, big jump if it could be placed in the coming census with a population of Omaha and South Omaha combined.

If the public can survive until the doctors agree among themselves whether benzene or soda is harmful or not, the soda will have won an uncontested verdict.

It is to be hoped there will be no coolness between President Taft and Secretary Knox just because Pennsylvania won a boat race from Yale.

Choose the Least. What is the tariff? A tariff, children, is a choice of evils.

Hunting Their Holes. Chicago Record-Herald. What has become of the people who were declaring a while ago that Roosevelt was going to keep on being president during Taft's administration?

How Times Change. Washington Herald. Grover Cleveland's picture is to adorn a new issue of \$20 gold certificates. Time was when that would have been likely to throw a number of people into fits.

Amnesty for Political Offenders. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Spanish cabinet will offer a bill to give amnesty to all political offenders. We need no legislation of that kind here. All that is necessary is to change presidents, and the offenders come flocking back.

A Lonesome Marathon. Kansas City Journal. That Nevada county which won Colonel Bryan's vote as a premium for giving the largest democratic vote in the November election should not feel too much elated. There were no competitors.

Recovering Mineral Lands. New York World. The recovery of \$100,000,000 worth of coal lands by the government as the result of a suit against the Northern Pacific in the district court of Montana follows close upon the settlement with the Union Pacific by which the government recovered a valuable tract of mineral land. This is the right kind of conservation of natural resources.

The Capitalization of the Colonels. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The signing of the daylight closing saloon bill by Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska has cost him no less than three colonels, all from Omaha, whose resignations from the governor's staff testify to Mayor Dahlman's anger over the enactment of the foresaids law of course, the resignation of three colonels is a striking act, and war is inevitable in the democracy of Nebraska. The bill referred to permits liquor selling by saloons only during daylight hours, and the Omaha democrats feel the insult to their manhood to the very marrow of their bones.

KICKING OVER THE TRACES. Significant Features of Division in Democratic Camp. Washington Herald (Ind.). William J. Bryan's satisfaction with the condition and prospects of the democratic party is severely qualified. Reviewing the last presidential campaign in a speech to the Texas legislature on April 5, Mr. Bryan said that the party had made a remarkable showing, when the forces arrayed against it were taken into consideration. His surprise was not that the party did not receive the votes, but that it received as many votes as it did. So near victory was that a change of 25,000 votes in the doubtful states would have altered the result of the national election.

It was a defeat, as Mr. Bryan admits; still, the consolatory thing about the democratic defeat was that the party made progress by forcing the opposition to take up democratic projects and democratic principles and put them into effect. It might have been better to have been a defeat and fishes, but Mr. Bryan thinks it better to have seen principles advanced and the republican party compelled to make terms with the people to retain its hold on power.

He declares himself proud of this record—a record of influence over the course of events without the responsibility of administration. What, then, must he think of those democrats who are throwing away opportunity to put into practice the principles of their party and their platform by going over bodily to the republican protectionists? How are these men advancing the doctrines of the opposition or exercising any influence that will be creditable to their party? We may judge, perhaps from his condemnation of the democratic representatives in congress who failed to support the movement to reform the house rules. These men says Mr. Bryan, were dragged out of their party by secret influences and made to betray the interests of 6,000,000 democrats. He hopes that all good democrats will draw a line against these men, and that they will be retired to private life to contentment, saying that a good name is rather to be cherished than great riches.

Thus another gap looms up between the democratic leader and a considerable section of his party, the most significant feature of which is that the protectionist democrats come mainly from the south. This time more than thirty southern democrats voted against free lumber the other day, defeating a proposition that was distinctly laid down in the democratic national platform. Mr. Bryan may read these men out of the party, but he cannot retire them from public life, for they are supported by their constituents.

Arm Gossip

Matters of Interest On and Back of the Fighting Line. Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register.

Where special medical treatment is required for officers of the army, serving without troops, which cannot otherwise be had than by the employment of a specialist, payment may be made for such services, although the approval of the surgeon general is obtained subsequent to the treatment. Where the treatment is necessary chronic complaint the authority must be secured from the surgeon general before a specialist can be employed.

The chief signal officer of the army will renew his recommendation for an appropriation by congress for military ballooning, with a request that authority be given for the expenditure of the appropriation in the development of mechanical flight as related to the operations of the army. Last year, the estimate submitted by the secretary of war amounted to \$500,000 and General Allen expects to submit an estimate of at least that amount, to the end that this country may keep pace with the progress made abroad in the art and develop the dirigible and the aeroplane.

General Allen, the chief signal officer of the army, has taken up the question of the design of the two gold medals for which congress appropriated \$200 as a mark of distinction for the Wright brothers on account of their development of the aeroplane. The fund at the disposal of the War department is not sufficient to do much more than furnish the two medals which may bear nothing more than a simple inscription showing the object of the emblems. It is considered that, under the circumstances, this will serve the purpose quite well as any design descriptive of the work of the inventors.

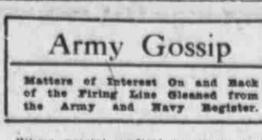
Some of the members of the permanent personnel of the army signal corps will form the next class at the army signal school at Fort Leavenworth are Captains C. B. Heppner, on duty at Fort Wood; O. A. Nesmith, on duty at Fort Omaha; W. L. Clark, on duty with the cable ship Burnside, and C. E. Wallace, the disbursing officer of the army signal office. Later similar assignments will be given to Captain George C. Burnell and Captain C. F. Hartmann of the army signal corps, in addition to whom will be detailed for instruction at the school a number of officers of the line, making a class of fifteen or sixteen. The class at the school of 1910 will embrace the remaining officers of the army signal corps below the grade of major who have not had an opportunity to attend the school.

The prospective retirement upon his own application of Brigadier General John B. Kerr has awakened the keenest interest in the appointment of an army officer to the grade of brigadier general. This will be the first vacancy in the list of general officers of the army to be filled by President Taft and the event has a significance in the possibility that it may serve as an indication of Mr. Taft's policy in the matter of such appointments. The agreeable and hopeful guess is made that Mr. Taft will recognize seniority instead of any demoralizing irregularity as the selection of junior will be assumed that Mr. Roosevelt. It is also assumed that the vacancy created by the retirement of General Kerr will mean the selection of a successor from the cavalry arm, in which event, naturally, the expectation is in favor of the appointment of Colonel J. A. Angur of the 7th cavalry, the senior officer of his grade, who would have until August, 1912, to serve before statutory retirement. Other officers who have been mentioned as "eligible" are Colonels J. H. Dorst, Third cavalry; F. K. Ward, Seventh cavalry, and Alexander Rogers, Sixth cavalry.

Arrangements are being made by the army signal corps for the coming summer's work in military ballooning. This work will be done at Fort Myer under the general direction of Lieutenant Frank B. Lahm, who will have associated with him Lieutenants R. S. Bamberger, B. D. Poulos and John G. Winter, and probably other officers to be designated hereafter together with a detachment of signal corps men of special training in military ballooning. One of the provisions in the contracts with the Wright brothers and that of Herring is that instruction in the operation of their respective flying machines shall be imparted to one or two army officers. Some doubt is entertained whether anything will be presented by Herring, although under his contract, he would be able to submit a Wright aeroplane and receive the contract price. It is doubtful, however, if the Wrights would sell their machines for such a purpose. Until the Wrights and Herring deliver their machines will be confined to operations with the dirigible. No work was intended to be done in military ballooning at Omaha during the coming summer.

Most gratifying results have attended the determined efforts of the military authorities to apprehend deserters from the army. Some months ago General Allen, then the adjutant general of the army, adopted the method by which deserters should be reported to military and civil authorities in the United States and the Philippines. When a deserter is reported to the War department the adjutant general's office prepares a circular containing two photographs of the deserter, one of full face—of the deserter, together with a detailed description taken from the record of enlistment. Four thousand copies of each circular are sent out within twenty-four hours of the report of the deserter, which is thus made known to company, troop and battery commanders, recruiting officers, municipal and railway police officers, officials, marshals, sheriffs, etc. It is the policy of the War department to pursue deserters relentlessly, and the results have been shown in the increased apprehension of those who so separate themselves from the military service. In June, 1907, there were 1,998 military deserters; a year later there were 1,988, and last January there were 2,281, with the probability that the number has reached 2,000 by this time. Hitherto, the War department made no systematic effort to apprehend deserters. The new system is bound to have an influence in discouraging desertions, where the chances of arrest are so manifestly improved.

Naming the Pack. New York Sun. Respectfully but firmly we decline to believe the dispatch sent from Asheville, N. C., which attributes to a Mr. Pack the cruelty of naming a set of triplets William, Jennings and Bryan. North Carolina is a notorious fount of mythology. The anecdote is merely a clumsy way of reminding the Nebraska Jeffersons that three nominations are enough and that many. Besides, "Bryan Pack" is distinctly and intentionally contemptuous.



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PERSONAL NOTES.

The cheap stocking argument would make a deeper impression on congress if a lump of some hard substance was concealed in the toe. The American consul general at London writes home that 70 people were cremated in England last year, and not one of them kicked on the system.

According to a Chicago professor, the American people are the most miserable on earth. It is true there seems no way of escaping the Chicago professor.

The estate of the late Madame Modjeska is said to be worth \$120,000, consisting of bonds, stocks and like securities. Her total earnings on the American stage are placed at \$200,000.

Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court is the owner of perhaps one of the most valuable cats in this country, known as the "sacred cat," which was secured in Burmah, and is said to be worth \$1,000.

The preacher who intimated with feigned gravity that the "big lids" of Easter time are loud enough to disturb the peace of the Sabbath, paused on the brink. Didn't have the courage to say, "Thirty days and costs."

Mrs. Hannah Boone Wilson, grandniece of the famous hunter and frontiersman, Daniel Boone, died at her home in Portland, Ore., after a brief illness. In the death of Mrs. Wilson the passing is marked of one of two direct descendants of Boone.

Mrs. Charlotte Crabtree, for many years favorably known to the theatergoing public as "Lotta," has again shown that she is an admirable example for the improvident profession she once adopted. Out of her savings she recently bought a \$500,000 hotel.

Without pressure from the outside, the gas company of Springfield, Mo., reduced the price of its gas from \$1.30, with 15 cents off, to \$1.15, with 10 cents off; a net reduction of 5 cents. Consumers elsewhere would cheerfully submit to similar treatment.

Bishop Hartzell, who, thirteen years ago succeeded the apostolic William Taylor as Methodist missionary bishop in Africa, has been telling the newspaper men at St. Paul that Prof. Starr's talk about Mr. Roosevelt never coming back alive is sheer nonsense.

The Omaha lawyers who dipped into the Count Creighton estate so modestly can draw a diagram of their moderation from the settlement of the "Lucky" Baldwin will case in California. For a few months' service, three lawyers drew \$300,000 from the estate, one of them taking \$100,000 without batting an eye.

MODJESKA. (Poem by R. W. Gilder, read by him at the farewell to Mme. Modjeska, Metropolitan opera house, New York, 1904.)

There are four sisters known to mortals well. Whose names are Joy and Sorrow, Death and Love. This last it was who did my footsteps move. To where the other deep-eyed sisters dwell. Tonight, or ere you painted curtain fell. These, one by one, before my eyes, did rove.

Through the brave mimic world that Shakespeare wove, Lady! Thy art, the passion were the spell. That held me, and still holds; for thou With those most high, each in sovereign glow—Shakespeare supreme, and mighty Angelo—Great art and passion are one! Thine, too, the power to die, to live, to glow. To prove that still for him the laurels grow. Who reaches through the mind to pluck the heart.

RECKLESS DRIVING CALLS FOR DRASTIC PENALTIES.

It was not without reason that Judge Swann, in charging the April grand jury, added to his denunciation of reckless chauffeurs a clear formulation of the moral and legal responsibilities which rest upon the owners of automobiles who knowingly employ men either inadequately equipped for such work or with a record of inconsideration for the rights and safety of other users of the public highways. "A man," said the judge, "is presumed to intend the ordinary and usual results of his own acts, and the owner who puts a reckless chauffeur in an automobile and sends him through the streets could probably be found by the jury to be equally guilty of the commission of the crime, whatever it may be, that may reasonably be expected to be committed by that chauffeur." So Judge Swann suggested to the jurymen the possibility of indicting the owner of an automobile as well as the chauffeur, even though the former might not have been in the machine at the time when it caused injury to life or limb. This is severe doctrine, but its application in a few cases when previous knowledge could be proved would be highly effective in restricting employment as chauffeurs to careful and competent men. The jurymen will be equally guided by the idea that the simplest remedy for many of the worst of automobile abuses would be to make the obtaining of a license to run one of the machines conditional on the passing of a rigid examination as to skill and character, and then to provide for the permanent forfeiture of the license after its possessor had been twice, or at most three times, convicted of careless or illegal driving. It would be easy to keep the count if each conviction were recorded on the face of the license.

SMILING LINES.

Upgradation—Isn't a lawsuit over a patent right about the duldest thing you ever saw? Atom—Not always. I attended a trial of that kind once that was too funny for anything. A tall lawyer named Short was reading a 4,000-word document he called a brief.—Chicago Tribune.

Kneaker—What do you think of the women's hats this spring? Blocker—There has been a revision upward.—New York Sun.

Magistrate—You say you want a divorce because your married life is one long series of fights. You don't look it. Would-be Divorcée—No, your honor, but you ought to see my wife.—Circle Magazine Tribune.

"That man's money is all tied up." "Poor fellow! Can't get at it, eh?" "Oh, yes; all he has to do is to untie his money-bag."—Judge.

"Doctor," growled the patient, "it seems to me that \$300 is a big charge for that operation of mine. It didn't take you over half a minute." "My dear sir," replied the famous specialist, "in learning to perform that operation in half a minute I have spoiled over eleven pecks of such eyes as yours."—Success Magazine.

"Nan, if you refuse to marry me—" "You'll do something desperate, will you, George?" "Not at all. If you refuse me I will be—(that is)—" "I'm—well, you lose, George. I'm going to teach him a lesson on betting."—Chicago Tribune.

"Has that young man proposed?" "asked one girl. "No," answered the other; "but he's on his way. Yesterday he recited that piece of poetry by Mr. Khyayan about a book of verses underneath the bough."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Alma—Jack is so handsome. Gladys—Yes? Alma—And so courteous. Gladys—Yes. Alma—Always addressing me as "Pat Mies." Gladys—That's the force of habit. Alma—If you act like that, I'll be glad to see you.—Chicago Tribune.

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