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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 is to be hoped the troubles in Turkey will be settled before too many of those names are inflicted upon us.

Will the World-Herald swallow the latest dose which the Dahmites have cooked up for it? Of course, it will.

The Turk may be unappealing, but there is ample evidence that he is thinking at a lively rate in these latter days.

The lions may suffer later in Africa, but just how the great killing is among the bears on the Grain exchange.

Ghosts have driven the men from a Pennsylvania mine. Ordinarily the miner quills only when the ghost fails to walk.

A Boston professor insists that for \$10,000,000 he can make a flash that will be visible in Mars. Why not send the message collect?

Governor Schallenberger has suddenly convinced himself that "he don't care nothing for Omaha now." He sang a different song last fall.

A prominent dramatist has written a play with the idea of having the stage purify politics. Well! Well! Well! What do you think of that?

Mayor Jim also promised not to let anybody interfere with the screens in the windows, but when the pinch came this promissory note went to protest.

It transpires that there is a copy of the state constitution in the attorney general's office, even though the one that belongs in the governor's office is missing.

A wild bear has been killed in the streets of Pullman, Wash., and a lynx in one of the city parks of Spokane. Advertising for the tourist season is starting early.

Wintergreen is quoted as a strong favorite in one of the big Kentucky races. Has the prohibition wave put mist julep out of the running in the bourbon state?

Again we ask. Why, if paying \$6,283,295.49 for the water works will not raise taxes, the water bond boosters were so insistent on that frontage water tax bill?

Governor Hughes of New York is having the time of his life with his legislature. Win or lose, the result will be decisive. No close shaves go with the governor of New York.

William R. Hearst has issued another rallying cry to the independence league. On the basis of last fall's vote all members should be able to get within the sound of the leader's voice.

A Chicago man thinks school children should not be taught the idea of purgatory. It will be hard to get the idea out of the mind of the small boy forced to attend school while the fishing is good.

The sultan of Turkey is reported to be in training for making the Marathon distance in record time. If his waits at the starting line to kiss each of his wives goodbye he is likely to be left at the post.

No, there is nothing to prevent anyone otherwise qualified from running for police commissioner by petition, but experience proves that the privilege of running for office all alone does not pay big dividends.

Aldrich on the Tariff.

The statement of Senator Aldrich in presenting the tariff bill to the senate will command universal and thoughtful attention. His long service in the senate, his membership for years on the finance committee and his conceded ability entitle anything he may say on this subject to special weight.

Read between the lines, it is conclusively demonstrated that the senator figures on a material reduction in the annual budget of the government. If this is true the public will not be inclined to grumble, provided the pruning is judiciously done.

What changes the senate will make in the bill and the added changes in conference with the house, are of course still problematical, but it is fair to presume they will be compensating so far as the question of revenue is concerned.

Insurance for Workmen. The annual report of the International Harvester company presents some features other than the financial one which are worthy of attention.

A Notable Benefaction. The will of the late Charles E. Ellis, together with the generosity of his widow and daughter, leaves a fund of \$2,500,000 for the founding of a college and industrial school in Philadelphia for fatherless girls.

Water Board Politics. The Water board is a great non-partisan institution. It was created for the express purpose of putting the water company out of politics and, of course, recognizing how pernicious the interference of the water company in politics was, is itself built on the fundamental rule that the Water board and everyone within its jurisdiction shall also keep out of politics.

Big Corporations and Big Fortunes. Bearing on the future of big corporations and their relation to the public, George W. Perkins, the active partner in the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., recently delivered a noteworthy address.

The most interesting feature is his conclusions regarding the effect of this evolution on the concentration of wealth, holding to the belief it is ultimately destined to help distribute rather than centralize ownership in capital.

Seattle has been engaged for some time in cleaning house and making the city beautiful for exposition visitors. The latest move is against the unsightly billboards.

Our city attorney is said to have given an opinion to the effect that a nonresident is qualified to run for municipal office in Omaha and that to be elected an officer of the city the candidate need not be able to vote for himself.

Officers of a prominent western railway assert that they have a new invention which will do away with railway wrecks. While many will doubt the truth of the statement, no one who scans the figures of mortality on the rails will wish them anything but success.

The women implicated in the smuggling of fine French gowns are willing to pay liberal penalties if their names can be suppressed. If the paying idea had taken root a little earlier it would have saved the women a whole lot of worry.

If that pretense of increased business made by our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, is even part fact and not wholly fiction, wonder why it has been hollering about the prosperity special being delayed.

Don't be too impatient about the cool and backward spring. If the immense amount of snow in the mountains should melt too rapidly people in the plains section would have an unpleasant reminder.

Misleading Disclaimer. Chicago Tribune. "It isn't a corner," says Mr. Patten. "It's a perfectly square deal." Anything that is perfectly square usually has a corner.

A Party Characteristic. Brooklyn Eagle. "The genius of the democratic party for discovering unpopular issues is again demonstrated, in the resolve of the democratic senators to support an income tax.

Not in the Game. Springfield Republican. Lawson of Boston is now trying to arouse the country against the "dastardly conspiracy of reckless gamblers" in wheat.

Law of Libel in Missouri. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. By a vote almost unanimous the state senate has passed the bill providing that a newspaper may be sued for libel only in the county where the person who brings the suit lives.

TAXATION OF BILLBOARDS. National Revenue Measure Bound to Be Popular. Leggie's Weekly. The newspapers of this country have every reason to support the bill introduced by Senator Heyburn of Idaho providing for a tax on advertising signs.

Striking in a New Line. New York World. The minority members of the Philippine legislature who have adopted an American idea and gone on strike have improved on the example. Legislators are almost the only class of employees who do not strike, at least in that sense of the word.

Famous Land Rush

Twentieth Anniversary of the Birth of Oklahoma, and Methods by Which It Was Achieved.

There have been stampedes for land before and since the memorable April 22, 1889, but none equalled the picturesque preparations for and the rush over the Kansas border which signalled the birth of the territory of Oklahoma and the opening of that section of the public domain to white settlement.

Finally word was sent from Washington that on April 22, 1889, the public lands would be opened to settlement, and those who desired to enter the new country would be entered in a free-for-all race for homes. For months the soon-to-be-Oklahomans increased along the Kansas border near Arkansas City and along the old Hunnewell trail awaiting the signal that would throw the new country open to settlement.

At last, with thousands of persons from all parts of the United States "rising on their feet" as it were, and the mad rush for homes was on. It was a cosmopolitan aggregation. Some tried to gain homesteads near the line by running afoot. The large majority, however, were mounted on horses, and the event was an endurance race rather than a speed trial.

The rule governing the homesteading of a tract of 160 acres was that the settler should be the first on the land and establish his right thereby by placing a stake in the ground as characteristic of the home which he was to build. The desperado and the outlaw figured in the race, and many men went when disputes arose over the possession. Thousands of quarrels which afterwards resulted in contests were begun.

The race was one of the most unique recorded in American history. Thousands of horseback riders surged in a broken line all afternoon across Oklahoma. Many riders fell under the strain, and many a horse set out on the road of his journey on foot or stopped on the best plot of ground available. If there were any trees on the ground on which the "squatter sovereign" set up his domicile a temporary arbor of brush was erected to take the place of a home. It was usually followed by a rude dugout. But the men who came to Oklahoma in the pioneer days lived for the future, and the hardships that they encountered have amply been repaid.

Guthrie seemed to be the chief objective point by reason of the designation of that place as the capital. During the day thousands of persons had arrived in the new capital on the Santa Fe railroad from Purcell and Arkansas City. The State Capital newspaper plant was brought in during the day and by evening the press was set up and the editors began to write. Most served both as pressroom and sanctum.

Twenty-five thousand persons slept on the townsite that night, and when the city awoke the next morning it was as if the powers of magic had transformed the valley into a living, breathing city. An organization was soon effected by selected representatives from each state that any considerable representation among the settlers. At the end of the week D. B. Dyer of Kansas City was elected mayor. Famous bandits, whose names were terror to the southwest, mingled with the crowds. Gambling halls were wide open and dance halls ran day and night. The strange to relate, amid all the picturesque events that marked the opening summer in Guthrie, crimes were remarkably few and very few men died "with their boots on."

Capt. David L. Payne, the original Oklahoma boomer, was born in Fairmont, Ind., in 1838. He came to Kansas when a young man and was twice elected to the legislature of that state from Doniphan county. Removing later to the southern part of the state, he was a familiar figure in Wichita, which city he made the base of his efforts to secure the opening of the new country. At that time Oklahoma was controlled by cattle barons, who held leases from the federal government. Seven times did Payne lead bands of boomers into Oklahoma and as many times were they rounded up by soldiers and sent out of the country and sometimes thrown into jail, from which they would be liberated on writ of habeas corpus. No law could be found by the court for their detention, for there was nothing in the statutes making it a crime to go upon public lands. The pathetic side of the struggle was the death of Capt. Payne at Wellington, Kan., just as he had reached the point where he could view the land of promise. His earnest intentions had been vindicated by the United States courts and remained only for congressional action to open the country, and this was assured. While at breakfast in Wellington hotel on November 5, 1884, Payne was seized by an attack of heart failure and expired.

The campaign for the opening of Oklahoma to white settlement was continued by Capt. W. A. Connelley and Judge Seals and others of Payne's followers, and resulted in favorable action by congress. The proclamation opening the land to settlers was issued by President Harrison, who named April 22 as the day on which the race for homes should be made.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Arkansas is learning to curb railroads, but its Jeff Davis can't be induced to submit to a similar process. James R. Garfield, formerly secretary of the interior, has returned to Cleveland and will resume the practice of law.

The Oklahoma militia have succeeded in getting Crazy Snake rounded up on a strip of land thirty miles wide and a hundred miles long. Another San Francisco grafter has confessed. However, the difficulty of accepting the word of a San Francisco grafter naturally intervenes to embarrass the jury.

Mayor D. W. Lawler of St. Paul, proposes to create a city cabinet by appointing an advisory committee of fifty prominent business and professional men to advise him. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis recently fined a defendant 1 cent. Quite a come-down from \$25,000, but there was this advantage about it—the defendant paid the 1 cent.

Since the acquittal of T. Jenkins Hains demonstrated that the killing of a man is no crime in New York, it seems idle to bother the other Hains for participation in the same innocent episode.

Maud Muller sang as she raked the hay. "With a little trailing," she sighed, "I believe I'd make a fairly good grasshopper singer." Just then the judge happened along—and the rest is history.—Chicago Tribune.

"So your husband always stays in the hotel nights," said one woman. "I have me moods, you know, but it's me personally that takes 'em, me boy. I have so much temperature."—Baltimore American.

"But," asked the first co-ed, "why did you elect to take up the study of German instead of French?" "Oh!" replied the other, "the German professor was so awfully handsome, you know."—Catholic Standard and Times.

"Yes," sighed the burlesque star, as she posed gracefully for the interview. "I have me moods, you know, but it's me personally that takes 'em, me boy. I have so much temperature."—Baltimore American.

A surgeon in a western town, engaged to perform an operation of minor character upon a somewhat unsophisticated patient, asked him if he were willing to have only a local anesthetic. "Sure," replied the other; "I believe in

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PERSONAL NOTES.

When April comes to town. Sing a song of April. Showers and scowling skies; Well we know her coy spring lamb's A lion in disguise. Thunder, lightning, rain an' snow, Hall an' alet come down— The elements go on a tear. When April comes to town. Now, altho' 'tis April, Chill the breeze complete; Pa still pokes the furnace, And predicts 'twill snow; Then 'twill cold an' dismal days An' freakish wind—what's this?— A Welsh rarebit of sunshine A Welsh rare bit-or miss.

Yes, of course 'tis April! Hear that peal of thunder! But he low little violets An' keep yer nose under; The only time do not bloom Immune from frost-bite dread Are the flowers that bloom upon that turf That conceals my lady's head. Yes, and what do I behold With surprise complete? Is it a new broom chisel? A rain-barrel up the street? Ah, how in disguise, you sadly err— In truth, it is not that— 'Tis only Angelina fair, Chained her Easter hat.

Then here's to boydenish April days. A miscellaneous lot. Contributed by all the months. Last night's church was forgotten; The weather man sneaks at random An lives on roost done brown; He surely, surely sees the day That April comes to town. And if those verses seem to be At random strung together, Still they're in keeping, you must own. With hop-scotch April weather; So critic pray be lenient. I pray the do not frown. For a rhymester not accountable When April comes to town. Omaha. BAYOLI, NE TREBLE.

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