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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.

Are you a "Mike," or only a "Jim?" It is three strikes and out for Abdul Hamid.

The senatorial toga of Mr. Hopkins of Illinois has been made over into a sweater.

Harvard university has been vindicated. It has developed a no hit, no run pitcher.

Grain is going down on the produce exchanges just as it begins to come up on the farms.

Has no one identified himself yet as the one thousandth member of the Commercial club?

All that wild talk about a "fake committee" assuming to fill vacancies on the republican city ticket will now have to be withdrawn.

The congress of international law has declared in favor of peace. At present rates it is a question which is the more costly, war or lawyers.

A St. Paul parlor has opened what it terms a "Sponging Parlor" in his church. Heretofore the choir loft has answered the purpose fairly well.

Omaha has paid out more in judgments since it had a democratic city attorney than it ever did before in the same time. Moral: Get another attorney.

A half-million-dollar deficit, which must be made good by taxes or a bond issue, is the legacy Omaha gets from the democratic management of city affairs.

Russian tent stakes in Persia are likely to remain as markers of the new boundary line. It is not always safe to call in big neighbors to settle family rows.

It is now up to our amiable contemporary, the World-Herald, to swallow the police commission dose mixed for it by the "Jims" and try to look pleasant about it.

Omaha cast the biggest vote in its history last fall and now for the impending election has registered several thousand more voters. That looks like increasing population.

A New York paper gravely announces that the Paris gowns which it was sought to smuggle in belonged to rich women. Did anyone suppose they were intended for a coal heaver's wife?

A student of Browning says a knowledge of the Bible is essential to an understanding of the poet. When the biblical controversies have been settled, when will there be time remaining in the ordinary life to fight it out over Browning?

It is suggested the Missouri legislator who introduced the anti-treating bill was fresh from the experience of having dropped in on a strange bartender with only the price of one beer in his pocket and found half a dozen friends lined up.

Two Japanese warships are visiting the Pacific ports on a friendly mission. San Francisco, having had its annual outbreak and worked the anti-Jap bubble out of its system, will, it is hoped, be a its good behavior and show the visitors as much courtesy as Japan extended to the American fleet.

The Completed Ticket.

The decision of Judge Redick affirms the action of the republican city committee in filling out the ticket nominated at the primaries by naming candidates for the vacancies for the offices made elective too late for candidates to file in the primary.

On the republican side this adds to the regular party nominees the names of George W. Craig, for city engineer, and Fred H. Hoye, William J. Hunter, Charles J. Karbach and William F. Wappich for police commissioners.

The Bee has already called attention to Mr. Craig's superior qualifications for the office of city engineer by reason of his service for many years as deputy under the late City Engineer Rosewater.

Of the republican police commission ticket Mr. Karbach is at present a member of the board, having been appointed by the governor as a republican to succeed one of the republican members who resigned from the previous board.

Mr. Hoye has served in the city council with a creditable record and Mr. Wappich was one of the nominees on the republican legislative ticket last fall.

Mr. Hunter has been in the grocery business for many years and rendered specially good service once as member of the Board of Review that grappled with the then existing inequalities in our tax assessments.

All four of the police commission nominees are taxpayers and business or professional men in good standing, who will bring common sense to the management of the fire and police departments and the enforcement of the excise laws.

Advanced Step in Publicity.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray proposes a new departure in the next call for a bank statement to make the result far more comprehensive than heretofore.

Previous calls have gone only to national banks and the summary has therefore been but a partial epitome of the nation's financial condition.

Several states have already adopted the plan of calling for a statement from banks operating under state charters of current dates with those of the national banks, and this idea has so appealed to the comptroller that he will try to make its adoption universal.

The comptroller, of course, has no power to compel state banks to make returns to him, but as the data are to be treated as confidential and used only in a general summary, it is thought the banks, with few, if any, exceptions, will gladly respond to the request.

If the plans of the comptroller are successful it will make the statistics of immense value to the financial world as affording a perfect reflection of the condition of the country.

Wherever the call is seconded by the state banking authorities, as has been the custom in Nebraska and a number of other states, it accomplishes another useful purpose in placing a restraint upon bank pyramiding and transfers of assets from banks of one class to those of another for a showing which otherwise might disclose a weakness of which the public is entitled to know.

Trust Prosecutions.

The news from Washington that the administration proposes to push to an early determination all the pending cases under the anti-trust, anti-rebate and similar laws, simply confirms what was stated in broad lines in Mr. Taft's inaugural.

Cases now pending involve practically all, if not all, the legal problems presented and their determination will serve either to make a firm foundation on which to proceed or demonstrate wherein the laws are weak and impotent and point out amendments necessary.

A thorough threshing out of the cases now pending will serve a far better purpose under existing conditions than a multiplicity of new actions, which could only divide the energies of the Department of Justice. Forgetting that much of it is unexplored legal ground and the adaptation of old legal principles to new conditions, people are prone to be impatient of delays and demand immediate results, beyond the power of accomplishment.

Giving undivided attention to pending actions will clear the decks of many of them before the adjournment of the regular session of congress, which meets in December, and if the laws as they stand do not reach admitted evils they can be changed intelligently, for the character of the defendants and the importance of the interests at stake make it a certainty there will be no loophole of attack overlooked.

The Forgotten Great.

The remains of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant were disinterred one day recently at Washington and are to be given a reburial at Arlington, where their resting place is to be suitably marked. Thousands of people who daily see the magnificence of his handwork and millions of others who take pride in his reputation will be forced to go to the encyclopedia to learn who Major L'Enfant was.

Born in Paris, he was one of the band of Frenchmen who came to America to assist in the struggle for independence, but it was not in this direction that his chief claim to fame lies. He drew the plans for what is now the capital city of the nation and so perfectly was this work performed that millions of dollars were subsequently paid for executing the portions of them which the builders of the city and congress had changed.

If St. Paul's in London is a fitting monument for its architect, Sir Christopher Wren, how much more magnificent a one is the capital city of this nation, which this genius saw in his mind's eye ere yet there was a beginning of a city? After all his great work in designing and starting the execution of his plans, he died in poverty and until now has rested in an almost forgotten grave.

A Well Spring of Cheer.

Notwithstanding the unwelcome conditions the Harvester trust managed to make a big increase in its net earnings last year over 1907, "the last normal year." So why not cheer up?

No Room for a Bear.

Chicago Record-Herald. Senator Aldrich is afraid the government's revenues will become too great for its needs if the tariff is reduced on many articles that the people require. It will be difficult to work up a general cease with such an argument.

Expanding Industries.

New England mill owners are showing their faith in industrial conditions and prospects by investments in new mills and improvements in old ones. Statistics gathered by a trade paper show that \$20,000,000 is thus involved in construction work which is actually under way, without taking into consideration that which is in prospect.

Improved Conditions in the Army.

New York Tribune. The notable change for good in conditions in the army following the remedial legislation of the last two years is made clear by the fact that the strength of the army has been increased to 77,888 and that enlistments are now made only from the pick of the men offered. The soldier is so much better off that desertions have ceased to trouble the military authorities.

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Brave "Jim."

Like all men who are strong, positive and courageous, Mayor Dahman has his infirmities. One of his infirmities is that he is trop to his friends. Maybray has been exposed and run to earth as a criminal. Mayor Dahman does not run to cover. He urges no denial, nor does he conjure up fine-spun explanations.—World-Herald.

Keep Them in Mind.

New York Sun. "These two utterances of Senator Aldrich's should be painted on the walls of both houses of congress and pasted in the hat of every congressman: "I am satisfied that the appropriations made last year could have been reduced at least \$50,000,000 without impairing the efficiency of the public service."

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A Chinese statesman who is visiting Washington expresses the hope that his country would some day be permitted to manage its own affairs. It would certainly appear as though China had reached its majority.

A Pennsylvania magistrate has decided that a cow has the right-of-way over an automobile on the public highway. It is comforting to know there is something besides a moving van that can turn the whiz wagons aside.

A woman writer announces that womankind is most capable of loving and being loved between the ages of 30 and 40. No need to look up biographical history to discover the age of that woman.

The Agricultural department has started out to argue with the farmer that there is nothing to the old superstition about planting in the moon. Better try out on something not so deeply rooted.

heedless of Warnings.

At times it must be discouraging to Mr. Bryan to see how persistently the country goes ahead and does things which he commands it not to do.

Looking Out for Number One.

In the opinion of certain statesmen the United States of America was established solely for the benefit of a bunch of New England manufacturers, and any tariff law that interferes with their profits is not

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Should Abdul leave Turkey, who would support his 404 grand widows? Peach basket hats have been barred by the authorities of the University of Chicago. They are declared unhygienic as well as ungraceful and unnecessary.

James W. Van Cleave of St. Louis, president of the Citizens Industrial Association of America, has resigned as president because his personal affairs demand all of his attention. Fanny the feeling of the hotel proprietor at Niagara who sees tons of ice piled against his house and yet realizes that next August he will be paying as much for ice as any of his associates.

One big railroad supplies its Pullman passengers with free tea, another system presents ladies in its dining car with boxes of candy and travellers would like to know before the vacation season opens what the other roads propose to do in this line. Thomas Rudolph is still a practicing lawyer and local judge at the age of 95 in Shippenburg, Pa. He was recently nominated for his judicial position by the democrats, and so popular was he that no candidate was put up against him by the republicans. If he finishes his term he will be 99 years old.

Following a custom prevalent at home, Ambassador Bryce placed his boots outside the door of the guest chamber while visiting the home of the president of the Wisconsin university at Madison. Two school girl daughters of the president did the polishing. On the second night their hilarity caused inquiries by Mr. Bryce, when the cause of the merriment came out. A report of the incident states that when the ambassador left Madison he wore a different pair of boots than the ones he had arrived in, and when asked for an explanation he answered that the others had been packed securely away to be placed among his souvenirs of the world as a remembrance of the time when his boots had been blacked by the daughters of the president of the greatest state university in the United States.

In a preliminary pamphlet for the exposition of 1910, commemorative of the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, the Boston-Herald recounts the success of various American expositions of the past, yet omits mention of the most successful of all—the Mississippi exposition held at Omaha in 1898. The Omaha show did not spread over as much territory as some before and afterward, but it had the essence of all, and in all respects was the gem of its kind. Moreover, it was conspicuously free from scandal, paid its debts and returned to stockholders 50 cents on the dollar—an achievement none other can boast of. Many eminent Bostonians made an extended and profitable examination of the exposition eleven years ago, none more thoroughly than Major Daniel Eldredge, who, doubtless, would be pleased to give the Herald man much useful information.

New York's Points of Interest. Hundreds of Them Are Within Comparatively Short Distances OF THE ST. REGIS HOTEL. The length of the island of Manhattan—from the Battery to the Harlem River—varies from eight miles on the east to twelve miles on the west. The average width is one mile. Fifth Avenue is the central dividing line between the eastern and western sections. On Fifth Avenue at Fifty-fifth Street, is located the Hotel St. Regis, five miles from the Battery and an equal distance from the Harlem River. This location, in practically the geographical center of the city, insures the shortest distance and the least travel for guests of this hotel to the many points of interest to be found in Manhattan Borough, Central Park and the Metropolitan Art Museum are within a few blocks. The Natural History Museum requires but a five minutes' ride, while the great shopping and theatrical districts can be reached in less than five minutes. The stranger in New York should also bear in mind that this hotel is unique among the city's modern public houses. It was built, arranged, fitted up and furnished with an excelsiorness that knew no stint, yet it is the farthest removed from the ostentatious. Its atmosphere is that of homeliness and refined comfort, and its cuisine equal in all respect to the most famous restaurants of London and Paris. yet with charges no higher than other first class hotels in America. Room rates are equally reasonable: \$3 and \$4 a day for a splendidly furnished single room; \$5 a day for the same with private bath (or \$6 for two people); \$12 a day and up for an elegant suite of rooms, consisting of parlor, bedroom and private bath.

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MEN'S FURNISHINGS. The items of Hats, Gloves, Scarfs and Shirts are earliest to engage the attention in the Spring. The assortments we are showing of these goods are particularly tasteful in selection and complete in range. We've every good style of Hats and Gloves. The Spring Scarfs are very beautiful. And our Shirt department offers the newest patterns—ready-made or made-to-measure. See the new patterns in Knitted Scarfs. Browning, King & Co 15th and Douglas Sts. R. S. WILCOX, Mgr.

Do Children Need Alcohol? Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young.