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CHARLES C. ROSEWATER, General Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1907.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have the Bee mailed to them.

Speaking of the decay of romance, Buffalo Bill has bought an automobile.

Harry Orchard indignantly denies that he has added gum chewing to his other crimes.

Oatmeal is a new shade in woman's dress goods. Must have cream trimmings, of course.

New York is going to spend \$161,000,000 for a water supply that is not of the Wall street variety.

Pa Rourke may be consoled by the thought that some of the teams in the league are not so discourteous as the Denver's.

From all reports France designates as "an insurrection" what would be a little more than a rough house during a Chicago strike.

Scientists may go on looking for sun spots if they wish. The rest of us prefer to look for shady spots for the next two months.

Of course the stockholders of the Adams Express company will enjoy the salaries of that \$24,000,000 melon. The public paid for it.

The president is showing rare powers of suppression by refusing to ask the attorney general to smash the "Favorite Son" combine.

President Roosevelt has only to point to the work of the Denver grand jury to prove justification of his stand against the land grabbers.

"The runaway tore up Farnam street" says a local contemporary. We had an impression that the contractors tore up Farnam street.

Secretary Wilson says American prosperity is at the bottom of the high price of meats. This sounds like an alibi for the so-called Beef trust.

Almost any old politician may get his name in the papers these days by insisting that his policies have been taken up by President Roosevelt.

Colonel Watterston says that Governor Hughes will be the republican nominee for president. All right, but why not name the democratic nominee, too?

The export of American beer to France has more than doubled in the last year. Those riots over there may be just the result of mixing wine and beer.

The mere fact that Secretary Taft's bill for breakfast at a St. Louis restaurant was \$2.65 must not be accepted as proof that Mr. Taft is a heavy eater.

If the Young Men's Christian association campaigners raise that \$90,000 by July 3, according to program, they will be entitled to a big blow-out on the Glorious Fourth.

There would be no serious complaint if the telegraph operators who are sending that news about the doings of George Bernard Shaw and Mark Twain should join the strike.

"The democratic nomination will go to Mr. Bryan if he wants it" says Chairman Jim Griggs of the democratic congressional committee. "If he wants it" is just thrown in for good measure to show that Griggs is not strong with his words.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE—BUT NOT TRUE.

Most of the railroad legislation passed in a score of states during the winter and spring just past was prompted, not by an intelligent adaptation of statutory remedy to railroad evil, but by vindictiveness.

This would be important if true, but so far as Nebraska railroads are concerned it is not true. The late Nebraska legislature enacted a number of measures affecting the railroads and other common carriers, but they were enacted not in a spirit of vindictiveness, but in a spirit of generous consideration.

If the editor of Collier's Weekly can discover any railroads "on their backs pleading for mercy" he must have peculiarly constructed eyes. In this state the railroads seem, on the contrary, to have learned nothing from experience, and where they are not trying to make the new laws burdensome to the public and to their patrons by overcrispulous enforcement and withdrawal of previous concessions, they are wilfully defying them and appealing to the federal courts to protect them from regulation by state authority.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LABEL.

The bureau of manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor reports that manufacturers are much concerned what to do to meet the suspicion of the consuming public over the branding of articles in compliance with the pure food law.

Major Carson, chief of the bureau of manufacturers, insists that cottonseed oil is equal in purity and healthfulness to olive oil and that there would be no hesitancy about its purchase and use if people only recognized its value and cheapness.

Each illustration of this kind convinces the consuming public of the wisdom of the pure food law. The American people do not object to paying for the best on the market, but they protest against deceitful substitutions.

THINKING IN MILLIONS.

Preliminary estimates of the amount of money to be distributed in dividend form by the various industrial organizations for the month of July are almost beyond comprehension.

The fact is that ideas and movements which culminate in reform legislation are seldom originated by any one man, but are the products of evolution, growth and discussion.

The World-Herald thinks the democratic lawyers at the state capital are doing just the right thing in advising republicans whom to nominate as judicial candidates this fall.

If the automatic slot machines are gambling devices it makes no difference whether they are operated by minors or adults so far as constituting a violation of the law is concerned.

The average merchant, in jobbing or retail lines, would feel joyously satisfied if his business showed an increase of 26.4 per cent over the previous year.

The entire record simply furnishes cumulative testimony in support of the claim that the railroads have not suffered by either national or state legislation. It also serves to refute the claim of railroad attorneys and Wall street representatives that the interests of the investors in railway stocks have been injured by the attitude of either the public or the legislative bodies.

COST OF NEW BATTLESHIPS.

Everything in the commodity line has apparently increased in price except the cost of battleships. Meat is at an almost indigestible price, the Japs have cornered the camphor market, elbow-length gloves cost nearly as much as an automobile, wheat and flour are rising without yeast, and yet the bargain-seeker may go out and get a battleship of the Dreadnaught pattern—positively the latest style, warranted not to rip, ravel or run down at the heel—at about \$3 per cent off list price.

No explanation of this remarkable incident is offered. It is the only unaccounted case on record in which a government contractor has offered to do a job for less than the amount authorized by the congressional appropriation.

AS AN ORIGINATOR OF IDEAS.

An ardent admirer of William J. Bryan, writing to The Bee in exploitation of the democratic leader, asks this question: Now, honestly, Mr. Editor, don't you think a man who originates an idea is entitled to more credit and a safer leader than men who simply adopt his ideas years after when they find it is policy?

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embarrassing to some of the over-paid employees, but most embarrassing by starting applications for raises from those who think they are carrying just as much.

The city law department re-enforces the position taken by The Bee, that the initiative and referendum proposition was never legally submitted to the voters and that it would be a dead letter if an attempt were made to operate under it. The points at issue will probably have to go to the courts eventually, but in the meanwhile no one in Omaha is suffering for lack of a referendum.

The building inspector's office reports that permits issued from month to month are keeping ahead in the aggregate of construction cost of permits issued for the same months of a year ago.

Dilatory paving contractors are to be called on the carpet by the city council. If the council would hold up their pay on work already performed until they show a disposition to carry out their agreements with reasonable dispatch the contractors would probably come more quickly to time.

Some of our councilmen want to stop the blowing of whistles within city limits, while others think we should have more whistles as an evidence of business activity and life. Won't someone buy each of the councilmen a tin whistle to keep them out of mischief?

A lot of new laws passed by the Nebraska legislature are to go into effect within ten days, but as yet the texts of many of them are inaccessible. The next time the contract is let for printing the session laws it should have a good, stiff penalty clause attached.

Iowa will soon have a state parole board charged with the responsibility for the execution of the prisoner parole law in that state. This is likely to interfere seriously with Governor Cummins' activity in freeing convicts who peach on their pals.

Members of the Nebraska Association of Postmasters will get their mail at Omaha while the organization is in session here. With the additional clerks just secured, the Omaha postoffice should be quite equal to this new business.

A financial note declares that William Rockefeller is trying to borrow \$15,000,000. As he wants real money he should get away from Wall street and make his application to a bunch of Nebraska farmers.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. The late Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama enriched the political literature of the country with many striking phrases, but none retains as great a hold on public favor as his application of the word "cuckoo" to those of his associates in the senate who took their cues from the White House.

"The trumpet has sounded," he said. "The forces were marshaled, the clock had struck at the White House, and the cuckoo here (in the senate) all put their heads out of their boxes and responded to inform us of the time of day."

Official Washington—that is, the top layer of it—is up in arms against the lectures of the "Seeing Washington" automobiles. It is all very well to be president, or an ambassador, or a cabinet officer, and there are times when it is not unpleasant to feel the eyes of the multitude centered upon one, observes the Washington Herald, but to be pointed out to rubber-neck visitors as an object of interest is a little disquieting and calculated to offend one's sense of dignity.

For instance: "There upon your left, ladies and gentlemen," says the lecturer, "you see the Hon. William Howard Taft, secretary of war—the large gentleman walking rapidly with the portfolio under his arm. Mr. Taft always walks. He is accounted one of the handsomest men in Washington and one of the biggest in more ways than I care to mention, and he has been chosen by President Roosevelt to be his successor."

This is unpleasant enough to a modest and retiring personality, but when a little girl on the sight-seeing wagon calls out in a shrill voice: "Oh! mamma, he walks just like Uncle Tom," the blow is almost too hard to bear. If forty pairs of eyes are fastened on your legs and forty minds are making notes of Uncle Tom's pedestrian mannerisms, it is no wonder that your feet seem to be tangled and your knee joints refuse to bend.

Or again: "Keep your eyes straight ahead, ladies and gentlemen, and you will observe the president of the United States upon his favorite hunter." Or suppose you were Hon. George Bruce Cortelyou and was pointed out as a man who wore his hair pompadour, or Hon. William Loeb, Jr., and heard it announced that "The Story of a Bad Boy" was laid. The house will be used as a memorial, and the wife and son of the post have promised to furnish one room as a memorial to his literary life.

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It makes you long for dinner time

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PERSONAL NOTES.

By dint of much computation the bureau of statistics finds that the United States consume 12,000,000 bushels of home-grown peanuts each year.

Silent Smith may have been all that the name implied, but some of those who are after a part of the fortune he left are not living up to it. They are making a noise like people who want money.

Two kidnappers in New York have been sentenced to fourteen years and ten months in the penitentiary. As the legal limit is fifteen years there is some curiosity as to the two months they didn't get.

Being a Pittsburg alderman was a crime, but for intrinsic meanness hardly equal to the substitution of waste paper for the money. The mere legend of honor among thieves ought to have prevented such a trick.

Tuneful and poetic justice in large chunks was handed to a St. Louis man who sought to live off the labors of wife and children. Court murmured that as every member of the family worked but father, father should work in the work-house.

An effort is being made at Portsmouth, N. H., to purchase the boyhood home of Thomas Bailey Aldrich, where the scene of "The Story of a Bad Boy" was laid. The house will be used as a memorial, and the wife and son of the post have promised to furnish one room as a memorial to his literary life.

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SMILING REMARKS.

The Kid-Fa, what is a "automobile meet?" "The Dad—Anybody that gets in the way of one is automobile meet.—Cleveland Leader.

About Ben Adhem had just asked to be put down as one who loved his fellow men. "I never throw orange peel on the sidewalk," he explained. Herewith the angel said that his name led all the rest.—New York Sun.

"What are your opinions on the tariff?" "How could I know?" answered Senator Sorghum, a little testily. "All the heads of big industrial interests in my part of the country have gone to Europe. I haven't had any instructions."—Washington Star.

"Friend (cheerfully)—I heard your nephew was a public official out in San Francisco. Is he still promoting his official labor?" Uncle (glumly)—No; they're prosecuting him.—Baltimore American.

"What was the most thrilling moment of your life?" "It occurred last night. I walked the floor with the baby for two hours, and just as he had finally dropped off to sleep, I trod on a squeaky board."—Cleveland Leader.

"What'd he do'n' now?" "FRACTURE!" "Why, he never studied law!" "I know he never, but he inherited the code of Georgia from his grandfather, and he didn't know what else to do with it."—Atlanta Constitution.

"It is always the unexpected that happens," she remarked just because it was necessary to say something. "Oh, no; not always," the cruel man replied. "I knew the moment I saw you that you would have me cornered somewhere within fifteen minutes."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Do you regard the railroads with disfavor?" "My friend," answered Senator Sorghum, "I cannot yet bring myself to feel that my opinion in such a matter is important. My comfort still depends very largely on whether or not the railroads record me with disfavor."—Washington Star.

"Parker won't buy his wife a piano player." "Why not?" "Says she'll spend all her time putting on airs."—Harper's Weekly.

"The new firm is going to make shoes out of all kinds of skins." "Not out of banana skins?" "Yes, indeed; they'll make slippers out of them."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

GETTING READY.

New York American. Blow the life and heat the sun. The nation's glorious birthday comes. Land of the brave, home of the free. We've celebrated! Hully gee!

We've been ready a week or more; Mother laid in a double stock of Amica, bandages, oil and lotions, Plaster and pills and soothing potions; Everywhere that a fellow turns, He trips on something that's good for him.

Mother says with pride that we Are the readiest patriots you could see. Father's bought crutches and wooden legs. Some of his children must lose their pegs. But legs are not what we care for. When lost in the cause of liberty. And as for a finger, ear or eye, They're nothing at all on the Fourth of July.

Grandad is ready, too, you bet. With everything that it's wise to get—Double insurance—our house is wood. A cute little monument, all to the good. To place o'er the one whose happy lot May lead to rest in our burial plot. He's a very bright fellow, but never, says die. Except, of course, on the Fourth of July.

Blow the fife and bang the drum, Light the fuse and let 'er come!

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Take two quarts of boiling water and add a small handful of Wiggle-Stick Wonder-Wax and half a cake of soap cut up, and boil until the water is reduced to one-half. Add half of this mixture to the hot suds in the wash tub and keep half to the boiler. Stir the mixture into the boiler and boil your clothes for twenty to thirty minutes, stirring them well to send the Wonder-Wax through them. Always wet the clothes in cold water and wring out before putting in the wash-tub or hot water. Rinse clothes well twice or three times after boiling or washing, then blue with Wiggle-Stick blue, making the whites a very bright shade of blue, and your clothes will be like hanks of snow. Use Wiggle-Stick Glad-Wax for your clothes and you will save nearly all the labor and half the time in ironing.

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