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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.

Senator Foraker does not saw wood. He uses an axe. Chicago is furnishing another hint of a hard winter by unloading a surplus stock of cold storage eggs.

Reports of the state boards and officers to the governor show that Nebraska is paying salaries regularly. One thing Teddy's big stick did in Nebraska was to establish the fact that a jail sentence actually means a jail sentence.

In the matter of currency legislation congressmen should remember the scriptural admonition and "beware the snare of the Fowler." The market master will go right on drawing his salary; and why not? There is as much marketing done in winter as in the summer.

The postal deficit for the last year was nearly \$7,000,000. A parcels post system would add many times that amount to the postal revenues. Colonel Bryan would doubtless be pleased to have the republicans name Joseph Benson Foraker as their standard bearer for next year.

Attention is called to the fact that fifteen members of the present congress were once printers. Oh, well, printers go wrong occasionally. "Gunner" Moir, the English heavy-weight champion, is elaborately tattooed, not counting the extra marks that Tommy Burns put on him.

The populists have called their national convention for April 2, 1908. It would have been more in keeping to have called the convention for April 1. Four Greater New York bankers have committed suicide as a result of the recent disclosures of the methods of high financiers. Suicide is confession.

The humble hen contributed \$600,000,000 to the wealth of the country last year, according to Secretary Wilson's report, and didn't crow about it either. The Pinkertons report that the banks of the country were robbed of \$100,000 last year. That refers only to the amount stolen by outside thieves.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Aldrich will attempt to dictate the senate's action on financial legislation. That does not come under the head of news. Berlin has an ordinance requiring householders to close their doors and windows when their pianos are in action. You would favor an ordinance of that kind—unless you have a piano.

Colonel Bryan says he has no preference between Governor Folk and "Gum Shoe Bill" Stone in the senatorial fight in Missouri. This is hardly complimentary to Governor Folk. The postal savings banks of Great Britain hold over \$300,000,000 in deposits. The Canadian postal savings banks, in thirty-nine years, have received and disbursed \$465,000,000. This is the money that is hoarded in times of financial flurry in countries that have failed to adopt the postal savings system.

PAYMENT OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

Of the many topics suggested by the president for congressional consideration none is likely to provoke more discussion than his proposition that the federal government make appropriations to defray the legitimate campaign expenses of each of the great political parties...

The public needs no enlightenment on the conditions that have provoked the radical suggestion of the president. Disclosures made in connection with the methods of the campaign committees of both the great political parties in securing campaign contributions...

Objections to the president's proposal from a practical standpoint, readily suggest themselves. His recommendation that the campaign funds of "each of the great national parties" be provided by a congressional appropriation opens the way for a dispute over the parties that would answer that designation.

Republicans and democrats would, of course, be recognized as entitled to this federal support. The prohibitionists have had a national ticket in the field for years and could not well be debarred from participation in the federal appropriations for election purposes.

Great as may be the necessity for a reform in the present system of conducting national campaigns, the country will be slow to accept the president's suggestion as to the remedy to be applied. The public conscience has been awakened to the evils of the existing system, so far as the corrupt use of corporation funds is concerned, and there is every promise that this evil will be minimized, if not wholly eliminated, in future campaigns.

FORAKER'S PRESIDENTIAL BOOM. Senator Foraker's self-launched presidential boom adds a decidedly interesting phase to the national political situation, at least so far as the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the republican presidential nomination is concerned.

The architect of the South Omaha city jail does not care to assume the responsibility for the work done by the contractor. The chief of police objects to using the jail, and it is understood that a large number of the residents are disinclined to accept even temporary quarters in the structure.

"Omaha merchants, real estate dealers and the public generally give thousands of dollars more in advertising every month to the World-Herald than to The Bee," shouts the Herald Yellow. And the statement is as easily substantiated as are its reckless claims in other directions.

Speaker Cannon surprised the country by naming the house committee on banking and currency on the second day of the session. That would look like legislation on the currency question were it not for the fact that Congressman Fowler of New Jersey has been reappointed chairman of the committee.

BITES OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched as they Pass. A hint of seasonable interest comes from the Postoffice department for the benefit of people who mail Christmas packages. Photographs, books, merchandise, etc., are third and fourth class mail matter...

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TWO-CENT FARES.

Significant Results of Rate Reduction Legislation. Chicago Tribune. Reports are beginning to come in upon which to base intelligent judgment of the actual working of the 2-cent fare legislation. When the movement for lowering fares began to gain force there was loud outcry from the representatives of the railroads...

The conditions vary so greatly in different parts of the country and on different railroad systems that it is not just to make positive deductions from a single report. There must be careful comparison of showings in several states and recognition of the special situations existing here and there before final judgment may be passed upon the rate lowering legislation.

The Ohio 2-cent fare law became effective on March 10, 1907. The report for an entire year is now available. It comes from the state railroad commission, which has secured from the roads data showing operating receipts from the sale of tickets to points within the state during the year ended June 30, 1907.

Scattered reports for given months in other parts of the country seem to support the idea that the fears of railroad men caused by the lowering of rates have not been realized. On the contrary, travel has been stimulated, in some cases trains have been restored to the schedule, and the outlook is favorable that complete showings from the country at large will indicate that the Ohio situation is much like that of other well settled areas where travel is constant.

WHERE KNOWLEDGE ENDS. Food Experts Admit Inability to Determine Cause of Sausage Poisoning. Pittsburg Dispatch. Cheer is brought to the hearts of those who have been writhing with the pure food authorities by the intelligence that one subject was too much for those Rhode-Island judges. The administrators of that malpractice law could scatter conservatism by a circle who had noticed a 2-year-old breaking branches from a small bush.

There is a policeman in Washington who was taught the power of diplomatic immunity in a way that excites him to laughter every time he thinks of it. A few days ago, relates the Chicago Tribune correspondent, he was early swinging his club and flirting with the camera in East Washington circle when he noticed a 2-year-old breaking branches from a small bush.

Former Senator William Morris Stewart of Nevada, a bearded patriarch of four score, is in Washington looking over his old slumping ground and ruminating on things past. "I naturally had a century of experience in public life," he said to a Post Reporter, "the greatest man I ever met was President Lincoln. Lincoln had a wonderful intuition, which amounted to almost superhuman wisdom. He had a wisdom, and with it a human sympathy which I have never found before or since in any public man in the United States. He was the best letter writer I ever knew, striking off a few sentences, which meant more than volumes. In the most serious of crises he was imperturbably calm. Then his face was saddened to death. I have never seen anything funny would strike him, and you could not help laughing just to see him laugh."

Only two of the senators I knew when I entered the senate in 1864 are living now. I saw a great many come and go. It would be hard to say who was the greatest senator during that time. Undoubtedly the most brilliant was Ingalls. The most useful senator, in my opinion, was Senator Allison, who is still there. The greatest orator of my time was Senator Roscoe Conkling. Perhaps the finest speech that I have ever delivered in the senate since the war was delivered in the executive session in the winter of 1879 by Conkling. He and Grant did not get along. Grant had played Senator Fenton, Conkling's colleague, as a favorite, and the latter could gain very little from the White House. Finally Grant and Fenton split on the appointment of Tom Murphy as collector of the port of New York. Grant wanted the appointment. Fenton did not. The case came up late one afternoon before the senate in executive session, when Fenton made a long speech in opposition to the man.

Conkling came to me in the midst of it and asked me what he should do. I told him that it would be best to take a recess from 6 until 3 o'clock, and then he should speak an hour, Conkling did not know how he could get through in an hour, but he and the senate agreed. At that time he had made the greatest effort of his life. For strength of argument, impressive diction and biting sarcasm it was a masterpiece. Had it been preserved it would have been a classic. Murphy's appointment was confirmed and Conkling succeeded Fenton in the good graces of Grant. But Conkling had weaknesses, due to his attempt to punish all his enemies. No man can afford to even try to do that.

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WITTEFUL REMARKS.

"Talking of Bryan's speech about honesty in business, do you really know of any clear-thinking man who always squares up in his dealings?" "Certainly I do."

"The men who manufacture pianos?" "Baltimore American."

"I suppose your financial reverse will keep you walking the floor?" "No, it won't," answered Mr. Joseph Jones. "It looks as if I wouldn't be able to rent a floor."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Really," said the first speaker, "it's a wonder that stock hasn't taken a tumble, it's steadily rising, although I believe it's full of water."

"You realize," said the earnest patriot, "that some grave responsibilities rest with you?" "Yes," answered Senator Borah, "and I am endeavoring to meet the responsibility. Rest is precious, and I am going system on trying not to disturb them."—Washington Star.

"Ethel, dear, I don't think you are treating young Mr. Fullerton quite fairly. I know he is stout, and might be considered a little overbearing, although I believe it's gentlemanly in his manners, and so entirely devoted to you that he can't bear the shape of his ears. They look like huge parentheses, stuck on the head of the concave side cut."—Chicago Tribune.

"He said," says Pat, "the world go moves. The Irish don't do any more. The monarchs of the right-of-way, But my, oh my, oh me, They brought out the diagen in And chased poor Pat away, But right is right and might is might; The dago's had his day."

"You bet, the dago has to go; He used to dig the track, And cut the big sunflowers down Without a bend of back; He worked all day for sixty cents; His finish now is seen; They've got a thing that burns 'em now And does the job up clean. 'It's like poor Chin's flat cable car. There ain't no more of 'em. There ain't no push or pull at all; It's sure a daisy tool; The flame she made out from her back Is like the devil's breath. But for all weeds along the track The dago is sudden death. 'The dago done thing it runs itself. The dago's on the back. He thought he was a foxy boy, But now his time has come; I've got a secret for you, too, And you can bet I know— An Irishman invented it To make the dago go."—O. GESSIGEN.

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