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GEORGE B. TSCHUCK, Treasurer.

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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 big brewery at Atlanta is to be turned into a pickle factory, its owners having soured on the old business.

Those "Hose Scandal" headlines in the New York papers relate to the fire department and not to theatrical affairs.

A German army officer pronounces the American army inefficient. It has always been so considered—in times of peace.

They are putting up pretty strong proof of Harry Thaw's insanity. It has been shown that he put in seventy-five telephone calls in one day.

Bills demanding that the motto be restored to the gold coin may now command a little more attention, as the people have more of the coin.

The country is getting along remarkably well in view of the fact that Tom Lawson has quit reforming the country and Carrie Nation has moved to Mexico.

Secretary Taft urgently recommends the widening of the Panama canal. The secretary may want to travel that way some day and he likes plenty of elbow room.

The arguments advanced against allowing surgeons to command battlefields are not very sound. An enemy would naturally expect to be cut up by an admiral-surgeon.

If it is true that the announcement of the sale of the London Times was premature, that newspaper has gotten a lot of free advertising the world over that ought to be taken back or paid for.

A Paris paper wants France and England to arbitrate between the United States and Japan "before it is too late." Blessed is the peacemaker who refrains from butting in ahead of time.

The Tombs prison in New York is crowded to its capacity, but District Attorney Jerome is not to blame. He never takes more than two years, exclusive of vacations, to try an ordinary case.

The Nevada mining companies are again advertising bonanzas at prices which enable every workman to go home at night as a millionaire mine owner.

Secretary Cortelyou admits that, with the exception of the fact that he is not going to resign and is not going to become president of a New York trust company, the recent story about his business plans is substantially correct.

What is Idaho going to do about bringing Harry Orchard to justice for the numerous murders to which he has confessed? No matter whether or not Orchard told the truth about his alleged pangs, he ought to save the state the expense of prosecution by pleading guilty.

Colonel Bryan's paper tries to make out that the real motive power behind the presidential boom of Governor Johnson of Minnesota emanates from "Jim" Hill of the Burlington and Great Northern. That ought to relegate Governor Johnson permanently to the political scrap heap.

THE OVERBURDENED COMMISSION.

The report of the Interstate Commerce commission furnishes ample evidence to support the assertion that the commission has been loaded down with an amount of business in the regulation of all the railroads of the country beyond the range of human possibilities for it to perform efficiently.

It appears that early last spring some male leaders of London fashion decreed that among the proper things for men's wear would be waistcoats as vivid as a Nevada sunset, combinations of sage yellow, sky blue, pansy pink and all the other colors, blended or scrambled to suit the fancy of the individual.

During the year there were over 5,000 complaints; of these the 415 formal complaints related directly to 2,236 carriers; 353 petitions for reparation have been served on 1,500 carriers. This involved more than 15,000 letters, besides general correspondence—the number of letters have averaged 33 for each working day.

It goes without saying that no seven commissioners can give personal attention to this variegated and unwieldy conglomeration of business. Many meritorious appeals must suffer practical denial simply because they cannot be reached until too late to provide an adequate remedy.

With the constantly increasing inflow of this stream of business the Interstate commission will before long be swamped unless it is reorganized along traffic divisions, with subordinate tribunals to pass on the cases in first instance, according to some plan such as has already been outlined in The Bee, corresponding measurably to the organization of our federal supreme, circuit and district courts.

Statistics just published by the Bureau of Labor at Washington furnish a striking illustration of the plight of Italian laborers in this country and also an effective refutation of the stories recently sent from Rome to the effect that the distress among the poor in that city and in other parts of Italy is due largely to the return of so many empty-handed workmen from the United States.

The history of the panic of 1907, with its economic interpretation, is yet to be written, but the main outlines are already plainly enough visible. When scrutinized closely the latest panic will prove to differ from preceding panics only in degree and in the relative influence of the different factors that produced it.

A lieutenant of the German army has just issued a pamphlet in which, with the disinterestedness that marks the attitude of foreigners toward American affairs and institutions, he points out the glaring defects of the American army. Incidentally, he offers some advice as to remedies and the manner of their application with an implied warning that we should take prompt action in bracing up our military establishment before some designing foreign power discovers our vital weakness and whips us.

This "Hands Across the Sea" sentiment which Englishmen insist upon displaying toward Americans, with or without provocation, might have more weight if it were not for the fact that Americans have acquired the habit of reading the commercial columns of the newspapers, as well as the space devoted to politics and society gossip.

The latest illustration of this fact is supplied by comments from two sources upon the possible candidacy of Timothy Woodruff of New York for the vice presidency on the republican ticket. The staid London Times assures its readers that Mr. Woodruff is a man of rare attainments, a deep thinker, a student of American and world affairs and well equipped by training and experience for the office he seeks.

The German lieutenant makes the mistake of concluding that because the regular army of the United States is a skeleton formation "no preparation is made for war in times of peace." The skeleton formation is highly drilled

and kept to the highest point of efficiency, in the belief that, in time of need, the ranks would be rapidly filled up and whipped into shape by recruits from the National Guard and by volunteers from all walks of life.

It is true that, in an unexpected emergency, the service might suffer temporarily from lack of preparedness, but the record shows that the American army has always been able to give a satisfactory account of itself when called upon. There is admitted need of legislation strengthening the army service, but no occasion for serious alarm over the defects pointed out by the German officer.

A number of cities in Iowa are preparing to take advantage of the new law permitting municipalities in that state to provide themselves with government by commission in place of government by mayors and councils and other elective officers.

In Des Moines, for example, where it is proposed to center all the responsibilities of city government upon five elective commissioners, to be paid each at the rate of \$3,000 a year, a distinct dearth of suitable men willing to serve is being experienced. The usual crop of professional politicians or out-of-a-job derelicts are reaching out for the \$3,000 salaries, but the successful business man and patriotic public citizen whose character inspires universal confidence refuses to be drafted.

The lesson is the same that has been repeatedly taught—that the mechanism of government is of far less importance than the men who manage it. The ideal city charter will avail naught against a bunch of incompetents or rascals in control whether they call themselves commissioners or councilmen, while honest, capable and conscientious public officers, backed by healthy public sentiment, can overcome mountains in the form of vicious charter limitations.

The measure offered by Congressman Sabath of Illinois which provides for a tax upon all dowries, gifts, settlements or advances of property made in consideration of or contemplation of marriage between citizens of the United States and citizens or subjects of foreign countries, will elicit much academic discussion even if it falls of serious consideration by the lawmakers.

It is explained that though spelled almost wholly with x's, j's and y's, the name of the latest nobleman who is to establish a matrimonial mortgage on American per capita assets is easily pronounced as "Say-chain-yeer." The bearing of this easy pronunciation which lies in the application, may continue, in spite of the divorce courts, to apply to those who are expected to create dividends on the per capita assets.

They manage these things better in California. The train robber is a very terrible and ghastly person until some one with nerve and quick address subjects him to a challenge. His potency resides wholly in the timid surrender of a whole carload of grown men. At the first obstacle set up by courage he is undone.

From a purely commercial standpoint, in times of financial stringency or financial stringency, a 25 per cent rake off on \$900,000,000 would help some, if it could be collected from the offending party. But, the record shows that such a measure would not help to get any foreign capital into the game. It would result only in forcing the American father to add 25 per cent to his daughter's expense account, for the titled bridegrooms prospective would be quick to insist upon a clause in the ante-nuptial bill of sale providing that all expenses of the transaction, such as tresson, hotel bills, railroad fare, tips for the porter and taxes should be borne by the party of the second part, the certified check end of the partnership. The bill will be endorsed by those enthusiastic souls who are ready to approve any proposition calculated to discourage international marriages, but in practice it would prove about as valuable as photograph albums in an asylum for the blind.

Jefferson was right; the United States supreme court is the least democratic of all the departments of government, and yet a bare majority of it can stretch the constitution out of shape or contract its powers—The Commoner.

This recalls the petition taken by Colonel Bryan in the preliminary campaign of 1896 in advocating that life tenure judgeships on the supreme court be abolished and the judges made elective.

It is intimated that Mr. Bryan will forgive eastern democrats for what they did in 1896 and 1900 if they will support him in 1908. The difficulty seems to be that eastern democrats are not disposed to forgive Mr. Bryan for what he did in 1896 and 1900—and likewise in 1904.

A New York family which kept a tiger as a household pet actually chained the animal up in the basement and limited it to four meals a day because it tried to eat up one of the children. These New York folks occasionally get terribly solicitous about their children.

in distributing credit for the healthy state of the coal bin.

It is a real relief to learn by cable that the Paris anarchists who were going to blow up the American fleet off the coast of South America have decided to postpone the event until they can raise money enough to pay the expenses of the trip.

"No man is in position to predict what a republican convention will do," says Colonel Bryan. On the other hand, Colonel Bryan is in position to leave prediction aside and tell exactly what the democratic convention will do.

It is too bad, of course, that Admiral Evans has rheumatism, but it gives him an excuse for brooking that pledge he made on January 1 to be more careful about his use of expletives this year.

An official at Albany was voted \$35,000 to repair the ventilators at the state house and returned \$33,000 as unused. Now they do not know whether to send him to congress or to an asylum.

Judge Gray of Delaware has declined an invitation to a Bryan dinner at Philadelphia. The judge fails to see any reason for showering honors on a man whose only victories have been defeats.

Two Kentucky industries. Louisville Courier-Journal. Night riders will eventually learn that while raising tobacco at trust prices has its drawbacks, no industry is so barren of permanent profit as raising hogs in the dark of the moon.

A Low Down Salute. Pittsburg Dispatch. When the provisional governor of Cuba was holding his New Year's reception at Havana, the salutatory Cubans could not be prevented from going down on their knees to him. It was not his fault; but it illustrates the difficulty of dealing with people who are disposed to be more imperialist than the imperialists.

Women in Business Life. Louisville Courier-Journal. Americans are considered the most highly civilized people on earth because the men are more completely enslaved by their women. The Spartan women who made bowstrings of their hair, were no more potent a factor in the military achievements of the Spartan men than are the American women in the commercial achievements of American men.

Get Out Into the Open. Washington Herald. So get out in the open occasionally, Mr. Citizen. Take time to walk to your office, if you cannot find the opportunity to get exercise otherwise. Do something for your body, as well as your pocket-book, and the chances are that the latter will be the gainer in the end, after all.

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QUESTION OF THE SERMON. Painful Thoughts Based on an Anonymous Letter. Minneapolis Journal. Bishop Potter recently forwarded to the Churchman an anonymous letter sent to him, which seemed to contain matter of value. The writer dictated it at the University club in New York on his way home from church. The service at the church was perfect, he tells the bishop, "solemn, lovely, exquisitely rendered." But a shallow curate made a pitiable attempt to preach about the financial panic; and the laymen in the pew felt his endurance overtaxed. The curate knew nothing. Hence the sufferings of the former. The letter goes on thus:

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Boston Transcript: Does the statement of that Jersey City minister that the church of the future will be "an ecclesiastical department store" mean that there will be bargain counters for salvation?

Baltimore American: "God calls some men to be lawyers, some doctors and some millionaires," said a well known bishop recently. Those who are not called at all probably go into politics or become plumbers.

Springfield Republican: A Hebrew rabbi in New York has become alarmed because, in his opinion, the Jews in this country are assimilating themselves too rapidly to their surroundings. What especially disturbs him is that his people are becoming infected with the American love of money making.

New York Sun: A remarkable ecclesiastical record is that of Archbishop Daniel Murphy of Hobart, Tasmania, whose death in his 93rd year is announced. He was the last surviving bishop consecrated by Pope Gregory XVI. That was in 1846, and he had thus been a bishop for sixty-one years.

New York Tribune: Churchmen will watch with much interest the operation of the new marriage laws of the Roman Catholic church, which, according to reports, will be universally enforced after next Easter. The most interesting clause is the one providing that betrothals, to be binding before a ecclesiastical court, must be formalized in writing and attested by a priest or two other trustworthy persons.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. One visible effect of midwinter mildness is the fondness of exposed thermometers.

The troubles of the Japanese cabinet in an original version of the occidental saw, "You can't eat the cake and have it."

The festive bird comes higher than the bottle in New York. One restaurant was pinched for \$4.25 for feeding gourmets with game out of season.

When economy is necessary in corporate management, the example of the Southern railroad is commended as unique and effective. President Finlay slashed the salary roll only, beginning on himself.

Washington is patting on the back a citizen who turned down a \$6,000 job in New York for a \$5,000 one at home. With such patriotism blooming at the national capital, the country is reasonably safe.

New York usually saves at the piglet and knocks in the head for the boys. The rotten hose of the fire department was not tested before acceptance because the contractor had a private line on the powers.

The Portland Oregonian, heedless of the exact science of law, boldly asserts that a layman's guess, as to what the law is, is as reliable as a lawyer's guess—emphasizing the assertion by pointing a long bony finger at the "five-to-four guesses" of the United States supreme court.

Colonel J. Ham Lewis of Chicago declares with exultation as to what he did not say, "All women are natural liars." What he did say was that "women lie more gracefully than men" during an afternoon siesta or after a hard day's wash. The colonel turns a sharp corner without ruffling his whiskers.

"Suppurous melancholia" sounds more dreadful than "brainstorm." It is intended to impress the jury as forcibly as did the hobo's tale of woe unfolded to a Cuban millionaire. The Cuban wept copiously at the telling, and calling a servant, he said in fervent tones, "John, put this poor fellow out into the street. His troubles are breaking my heart."

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

The highest in humanity is the best we know of divinity. The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make a friend.

It's an empty business feeding the heart on brain food alone. Genius is simply drudgery converted by the mere of a vision.

All real religion is fed by a deep desire for reality in religion. The life soon ceases to rise when you forget to often look up.

No church is more needy than the one that neglects the needy. No man ever died from thinking too much, unless he was thinking of himself.

The largest rooms of destiny may be entered through the smallest doors of duty. Great thoughts are those that so deep enough to take root and bear fruit in lives.

When a man tries to hide his religion by "wasting time covering up an inability, a man's place in the heavenly race will depend much on his relation to the human race.

The laws we make for others are often framed by the plans and loves of our own lives.—Chicago Tribune.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Two may be able to live as cheaply as one." "Well?" "But they can't dress, or pay doctors' bills, or give to the theater on that basis."—Philadelphia Press.

Arouned by hearing a slight noise on the floor below, Mrs. Jagway got up, went to the door, and listened. Somebody was stumbling over the furniture in the hallway and swearing in a subdued tone of voice.

"Father," said Miss Strongley, "I wish you would stay in this evening, Mr. Sloan will want to speak to you." "Ah!" exclaimed her father, "he has proposed at last eh?" "What?" she replied, with a determined air, "but he will tonight."—Baltimore American.

"Only a dollar on my wedding ring?" exclaimed the poor woman. "Only a dollar on the pawnbroker." "I buy 'em for four dollars a cross," explained the poor woman when he followed her out to sympathize with her, "but usually gets more on 'em than I did out of that gent."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Look here," remarked the thrifty man to his extravagant wife, "you're carrying too much stuff, my lady." "Indeed?" she retorted, "I don't see why you should be so particular." "Well, I think I should, since I have to raise the wind."—Philadelphia Press.

Miss Peachey (approaching the subject timidly)—How do you—or let a young man know when you wish to discourage his attentions? Miss Flynpe—O, there's no prescribed form. You tell him he's on the paraiso so far as you're concerned he'll catch on, all right.—Chicago Tribune.

LIFE'S JOURNEY.

Ellis Wheeler Wilcox. As we speed on our youth's sunny station, The track seems to shine in the light. But it suddenly shoots over chasms Or sinks into gulches of night.

And the hearts that were brave in the morning Are filled with repining and fears. As they pause at the City of Sorrow Or pass through the Valley of Tears.

But the road of this perilous journey The hand of the Master has made; With all its discomforts and dangers, We need not be sad or afraid.

For leading the train will move onward, Ways plunging from gloom to despair, Wind out through the tunnels of midnight To fields that are blooming and fair. If you pause at the City of Trouble, Or wait in the Valley of Tears, Be patient, the train will move onward, And rush down the track of the years. Whatever the place is you seek for, Whatever your game or your quest, You shall come at the last with rejoicing To the beautiful City of Rest.

You shall store all your baggage of worries, You shall find a perfect peace in this rain; You shall sail with your old friends on fair waters, With joy and delight at the helm.

You shall wander in cool, fragrant gardens With those who have loved you the best, And the hopes that were lost in life's journey You shall find in the City of Rest.

Ruskin Was Right

Do you know that the great philosopher put music fourth in the list of bodily needs—first, food; second, clothing; third, shelter; fourth, music?

Take this to yourself and family. Many a man thinks he does enough because his children are neither hungry nor ragged. We once knew a farmer who was readily familiar with the number of hogs and cattle he owned, but who, when asked how many children he had, turned to his wife and asked: "Mary, how many have we?"

Now this man was a good man. But, as is the case with many another man, the development of his children was purely incidental. Now don't you make the mistake of putting off the purchase of a piano another day. The children need it; your wife needs it; you need it and it will be a source of entertainment to your friends. The economy in buying from Hospe's is acknowledged on every side. Hospe's sell the best pianos and the One Price No Commission Plan guarantees you that your money is as good as anyone's else. Call today.

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