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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of August, 1907. M. B. HUNTER, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Manufacturing is flourishing in all lines, except, possibly, the manufacture of panics.

Sympathy will be withheld from the Chicago joker who was slugged for asking "Wire they striking?"

Colonel Watterston declares that party government is a humbug. The outs usually feel that way about it.

Mayor "Jim" has flunked in a broncho-busting bout. That's not the only place Mayor "Jim" has flunked.

"Western farmers are not gamblers," says a New York paper. But they won their bet against the green bug.

The telegraph companies and the operators have adopted one political tactic. Both sides are claiming everything.

"Graft exists everywhere," says Senator LaFollette. Graft, like every other evil, exists only where it is tolerated.

General Corbin says he would not refuse a nomination for congress. Certainly not. General Corbin is a native of Ohio.

Colonel Bryan has been asking Mr. Taft a lot of questions, but probably is no more satisfied now that he has the answers.

No matter what may happen to the telegraph operators, the comico-operators will begin drawing salary with the opening of the season in September.

Married men are not enthusiastic over this invention of a shirt without buttons as they would be over the invention of a shirtwaist without buttons.

The time is about up for the withdrawal of candidates filed for the coming primary. The voters, however, will do some forcible elimination a little later.

It is pretty near time for the members of the do-nothing Water board to hold another meeting and vote the lawyers and the engineering experts some more money.

Secretary Taft admits that he gained weight while in Canada. There would be nothing to this presidential race if Mr. Taft could gain speed as easily as he gains weight.

After a tour of the world, Colonel Bryan made a speech in favor of government ownership. Secretary Taft has made his address on the subject before he started.

According to John Sharp Williams, the 20,000 populists in Mississippi all voted against him. It is a little unusual to find a democrat complaining against the populists.

Four national banks are doing business in South Omaha and only five in Omaha. Either South Omaha must be above par or Omaha below par on the bankers' bulletin board.

Secretary Taft is going to Yellowstone park for a rest, but may, of course, do a little work in the life saving line if any pretty waitress happens to fall into the lake while he is in the vicinity.

SECRETARY TAFT'S PLATFORM.

The address of Secretary Taft to the Buckeye Republican club of Columbus will be accepted, as it was designed, as a keynote utterance, outlining the platform upon which he will ask for the republican nomination for the presidency.

Easyly the busiest man in President Roosevelt's official family, charged with the administration of the War department, the Panama canal construction, the development of the plan of government of the Philippines, sponsor for the administration's position in Cuba and avowedly the spokesman of the president on a number of absorbing issues, Secretary Taft has refrained from confusing his personal and political ambitions with affairs of the government.

The distinguishing feature of Mr. Taft's Columbus deliverance is directness. Ponderous in speech, as in person, he is more direct even than the president in defining his attitude on issues demanding the attention and thought of the people.

Under these circumstances, with no objection being raised against Mr. Clarke on the score of ability or fidelity, it would certainly not be compulsory to Governor Sheldon for republicans to refuse a nomination to the man whom he had appointed.

Mr. Clarke ought to have had his nomination without even competition, but inasmuch as he must win out over rival candidates he should have a good, big vote as a mark of approval by the people of Governor Sheldon's selection and as an endorsement of the redemption of last year's platform pledges.

Colonel Bryan has for some time been hurling interrogations at Mr. Taft relative to the latter's position on public questions. The answer is direct and specific. Mr. Taft exposes the fallacy of Colonel Bryan's attitude on government ownership, railway rate regulation, trust suppression, initiative and referendum and other questions which the democratic leader has put forward as important or paramount.

Mr. Taft is the one republican prominent in the public eye who has made his position on the tariff plain and clear. While declaring himself a sincere believer in the efficacy of the protective system, he avows unequivocally his belief that the time has come for revising existing tariff schedules to the point that the duty on imported articles should not exceed materially the difference of cost of production in this country and abroad.

With Secretary Taft so squarely on record on the vital points involved, the other candidates for presidential preferment will have to come out in the open and be equally frank in telling just where they stand or suffer the consequences of suspicion that always attaches to reticence and evasion.

Wall street is making a determined effort to attribute the failure of the Pope Manufacturing company to tightness of the money market, due to alarm over the attitude of the federal administration toward corporations. Investigation, however, shows the Pope failure bears no relation whatever to the "panic" on change.

The Pope people have simply paid the penalty of overcapitalization. Their company was capitalized for \$22,500,000, of which \$2,390,976 was of first preferred stock, with a guaranteed 6 per cent cumulative dividend, and \$8,633,100 of second preferred stock with a 5 per cent cumulative dividend, and the balance in common stock.

As the reports of the officials showing assets about eight times as large as liabilities prove correct the financial embarrassment which has caused the appointment of a receiver need not be more than temporary. The trouble

only exposes and emphasizes another error in the methods of industrial management employed by some of the captains of high finance.

Republicans of Nebraska will at the coming state-wide primary nominate a candidate for railway commissioner to fill out the unexpired term to which Robert Cowell was elected last year.

Mr. Clarke received this special consideration at the hands of the governor in recognition of the record he had made at two sessions of the legislature, and particularly of his energetic efforts along with other party leaders to make sure that every platform pledge upon which the republicans had been elected should be redeemed in spirit as well as in letter.

Some strikers are entitled to sympathy and some are not. It depends entirely upon the merits of what they are striking for and the methods employed to enforce their demands.

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fire loss in the nation would be about \$20,000,000 annually instead of \$200,000,000. Proper precautions were observed in building methods and in fire preventives.

The Department of Agriculture has just ordered printed another edition of 250,000 copies of "Special Diseases of the Horse." Who was it said the automobile was going to put the horse out of business?

The Department of Justice will not proceed against the Coffin trust until other trust cases have been disposed of. The Coffin trust is naturally the last thing a man should worry about.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. The laborers who have been building the Belmont tunnel under East river at New York, and who have been designated "sand hogs" by flippant writers, were given a banquet the other day in honor of the completion of the job and the making of a world's record.

Apropos of the approaching demolition of New York's Chinatown, it is interesting to know that the first Chinaman to take up his abode in New York, whose name is writ all large in local annals, has arrived in a sailing ship from around the Horn about fifteen years previous to the advent of the tea store in Mott street.

The slight of several large cats rolling around on the sidewalk in an ecstasy of joy at Sixth avenue and Twenty-sixth street the other night drew a crowd in a few minutes. When there must have been more than 500 persons trying to catch a look at the cats a quiet looking old man who had been standing unobserved in a nearby doorway stepped out carrying a bag and, facing the crowd, began:

A remarkable engineering feat in under way on Sixth avenue, between Twelfth and Thirty-third streets, where the McAdoo tunnel swings up town. In order to be practically suspended in the air the elevated railway, the surface railway, the street itself and its many gas, sewer, water and other mains.

"Make me up a package of tobacco according to the formula used by Edwin Booth," said the man with the southern accent.

"That is the third man who has asked for that kind of tobacco today," said the dealer, quoted by the Sun. "It is strange that people from remote parts of the country as well as New Yorkers make a fad of buying the same brand of tobacco that Booth smoked. And it isn't always the Booth mixture that they want. I have found away around for mixing the favorite tobacco of many famous persons. Smokers the country over have heard of this collection of recipes and one feature of every man's trip to New York is to try a pipeful of some big man's favorite tobacco. In most cases the special mixture struck the nerves of the average smoker cannot stand it. He has to give up after a few pipefuls and go back to a popular mixture, but he has the satisfaction of having had the experience."

A New York curio collector reports as unprecedented demand for false teeth. "It is the teeth of famous personages deceased that are wanted," he said. "I don't know for sure what started the boom in artificial teeth. Ever since I have been in this business I have had occasional requests from eccentric patrons for a set of false teeth. In the last few months inquiries have simply poured in concerning the teeth of men prominent in the last century. I am inclined to think that this craze for teeth has been stimulated by the report that Washington's false teeth had been stolen out of a museum in Baltimore."

The outside of a store in Broadway just below Twenty-third street has lately been painted with what looks like dark tinted gold paint; this front presents an appearance such as it would have if it had been covered with gold leaf and then lacquered, the effect being striking and attractive. In Broadway above Twenty-third street there is now a store front painted blue, and a little further along on the great thoroughfare below Thirty-fourth street is a hotel well known in the city to which painters are now applying a coat of green. It is easy to imagine Broadway with all its buildings painted in varied high colors—a cross section rainbow.

The matron of a New York home for immigrant girls discovered that one young woman who had spent eight nights in the institution was not in reality a newcomer, but had had several jobs in New York. "Why did you come here and try to pass yourself off as an inexperienced girl?" "So I'd get better treatment from my next employer," said the maid. "Green girls of all nationalities are humored much more than girls who are supposed to be used to New York ways. They don't have to work so hard, because the mistress of the house, in breaking them in, does half the work herself."

Wall Street Bluffs a Failure. Indianapolis News. But it does seem as if Wall street ought to have learned from the failure of its former made-to-order panics that it couldn't make such bluffs go in this day of skepticism.

Huge Leaks in the Tanks. Cleveland Leader. The market value of Standard Oil stock has fallen nearly \$400,000,000 below the highest record ever made. That sounds terrific, but there's over \$600,000,000 left.

Advertisement for The Mutual Life Insurance Company. Features: An Increase of over 25% in Dividends To Policy Holders. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has paid more in dividends to policy holders than any other company in the world. The Mutual Life Insurance Company. The Time to Act is NOW.

FOR UNIVERSITY REGENTS. Nebraska Farmer: George Coupland announces his candidacy for regent of the State university under most auspicious circumstances. Loup City Northwestern: If Charles B. Anderson is elected regent of the State university, he will be found to be broad enough to reach over the entire state and honest and brave enough to do right at all times.

MERRY JINGLES. "Yes, said the fussy citizen, 'I have just ordered a patent comb. It looks to me like a good thing. What do you say, your coal in?' "The furnace," the other man sadly replied.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE MAN WITH THE CHIP. Baltimore American. He always had something to grumble about. Had this man with a chip on his shoulder. The world to the dogs was going, no doubt. To the man with a chip on his shoulder. Nobody was honest, nobody was square. He found traps to "do" him were laid everywhere. Nobody he met with would deal with him. Thought the man with the chip on his shoulder.

CONTRASTS BETWEEN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE HERE AND ABROAD. Portland Oregonian. A number of recent notable trials in England and Germany call attention to the contrast between criminal procedure here and in some foreign countries. For one thing, they seem to be able to get a jury with a good deal less expenditure of time and trouble than it costs us. An English jury was secured in two minutes in a case of the sort where our counts spend weeks or months over the business. All parties were satisfied and there is no complaint that justice was not done.

CONTRASTS BETWEEN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE HERE AND ABROAD. Portland Oregonian. We have carried the privilege of challenging jurors to an absurd extreme. As practiced, it benefits nobody, degrades the jury system and perverts justice. American practice also betrays the judge too much. In some states he is not permitted to comment on the evidence or expound the law to the jury. He is reduced to an umpire, whose sole duty is to settle disputes between the lawyers. In England the judge may examine the accused in open court, asking any questions which he

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