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THE BEE ON TRAINS. All railroad newsgroups are supplied with newsgroups to accommodate every passenger who wants to read a newspaper. Insist upon having the Bee on a train from the news agent, please report the fact, stating the train and railroad, to the Circulation Department of the Bee.

General Woyler says he will defend his Cuban policy in the Spanish Cortes. He ought to prove better at that than he did in defending Spanish authority in Cuba.

The Creole mine operator who voluntarily advanced the wages of his miners beginning the first of the month probably attributes it to the famine in India or the crop shortage in Argentina.

The new game law in South Dakota affords sufficient protection for the deer if it is rigidly enforced. In 1901 a close season will be observed and this will be repeated every fifth year thereafter.

As might have been expected, Hon. Hannis Taylor was not pleased with the president's message. The magazines are open to Mr. Taylor for a rejoinder if he chooses to consider it a personal matter.

While on the subject of the proposed exhibit of Indian tribes at the Transmississippi Exposition we should not forget the educating influence attendance upon the great show would have upon the Indians themselves.

After traveling through Mexico in a private car and hobnobbing with Mexican officials and plutocrats, Bryan will return to the United States and resume the pose of champion of the downtrodden common people.

The engineer who is said to have first suggested the construction of elevated railroads is dead. The elevated road, however, should serve to preserve his name in high esteem even if it does not keep his memory green.

Now watch the silverites in congress try to amend the bill for the gliding of the statue of liberty on the dome of the capitol by requiring sixteen pieces of silver leaf to be used with every piece of gold leaf in its decoration.

Nebraska teachers are going to see to it that the Nebraska educational exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition explains why Nebraska ranks so low in the list of states arranged according to the illiteracy of their populations.

Postal Savings Banks. No important measure has ever been enacted by congress without meeting with frivolous objections. The proposed postal savings system is no exception to this rule.

The main objections to postal savings banks usually focus in two questions: How shall the money deposited be safely invested? What will be the effect of establishing postal savings banks on the existing savings bank system?

If the government has managed to keep safe the hundreds of millions of money borrowed from capitalists at home and abroad on securities drawing from 3 to 6 per cent interest without providing for its investment why should the government bar itself from borrowing money from the common people who would be glad to offer their savings to its keeping for 2 1/2 or even 2 per cent because there is no place to invest the money?

The apprehension that government competition with its limitations on the amounts receivable from depositors and its low rate of interest will be fatal to the continuance of the existing savings banks is groundless. If it were well founded it would be the strongest argument in favor of the postal savings bank system.

It is safe to assert that postal savings banks will in no way come into competition with existing banks in the money loaning business or in the purchase of mortgages and other securities. That function should never be exercised by the government either through the post-office or the treasury.

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It is safe to say that no private corporation will follow the example of the United States postoffice by making reference to the letter carriers by making working over-time beyond the eight-hour day subject the culprit to summary dismissal.

In making an investigation into the causes of the ill-felting among members of the Austrian Reichsrath it has been discovered that a few weeks ago Dr. Lecher broke the record for continuous speaking by talking twelve hours without stopping.

Belgium is taking up the manufacture of oleomargarine, for which it has put into operation fifteen factories. Oleomargarine can be made better and as cheap in this country as anywhere, and if the foreigners must have it there is no good reason why we should not make it for them.

Secretary Wilson is not less deserving of credit because he is not the first to see that whatever is done for the uplifting of the American farm home must concern the whole family and not merely a part; in other words, that the rural homekeeper is an essential part of the rural home and household economy.

The Carter bill providing for the twelfth census, which will be taken in 1900, will come up for consideration in the senate this week. It is expected that there will be a very sharp contest over the question whether the merit system shall be applied in making appointments for census work or the large army of employees in this service shall be selected by senators and representatives.

The Bee has already expressed the opinion that the merit system should be applied in the appointment of clerks for census work and it is pleasing to find this view supported by so competent an authority as Mr. Robert P. Porter, who was superintendent of the eleventh census in an article in the current number of the North American Review. Mr. Porter points out the faults of the present census system, which he thus enumerates: Inadequate time for preparation; a hazy and fast law rushed through the day before the adjournment of congress, calling for innumerable statistical investigations and inquiries, many of which are useless and impracticable and some of which are impossible; supplemental questions for the twenty million or more schedules, called for by congress ninety days prior to the actual enumeration; placing upon the shoulders of the superintendent, whose mind should be fully occupied with his experts in planning the work, the responsibility of the appointment of an office force of several thousand clerks.

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The story that has been freely circulated lately to the effect that the Iowa members of congress favor the reappointment of Judge Morrison to the Interstate Commerce commission in order that Colonel W. P. Hepburn of the Eighth district may succeed Mr. Yeomans on the commission two years hence is denied in toto by the Creston Gazette, which adds with regard to Colonel Hepburn, that he "is one of the most distinguished members of congress, with the brightest portion of his career just opening to him. His ambitions now are and always have been for the legislative arena, and any one who believes that he would willingly give up his work in congress to bury himself on a commission doesn't know Hepburn. And the people of this district would not allow him to do it."

It is quite agree with the New York Journal of Commerce that if this body is to speak on these and kindred topics with all the authority which belongs to such an organization, it should avoid the advocacy of schemes justified neither by public necessity nor by the general sentiment of business men. Among these is the proposed creation of a department of commerce and manufactures, with a cabinet officer at the head of it and various existing bureaus of its component parts. There is no real necessity for any such department, because there is nothing which could be done under it that cannot be as well done by the agencies now employed. The creation of a new department would inevitably increase the expenses of the government without producing compensating results.

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exhortation will follow the use of the bass drum and sinners will be asked to follow the processions through the streets the same as before. Temperance work is to be undertaken by the volunteers in a larger way than ever before.

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It looks like a small piece of business on the part of grown-up men to try to shoo the Santa Claus after they have received all the benefits that go with the institution, now that it has become nothing to them but a bill of expense.

The country has a profound interest in the Hawaiian treaty of annexation. In that it is a violent departure from the wise and conservative policy of the American government, the treaty is therefore, he discommends in the open senate, so that the opinion and vote of ever senator may be known. There is no reason for remitting so great a public question to a secret session.

It would be next to impossible to estimate accurately the gain, commercially, financially and socially, which would accrue to the country districts of the state from a thorough system of good roads. A system without head, management or responsibility will accomplish nothing, and simply pile on the expense which absolute necessity forces on the people.

Among the problems of today which simply shriek for settlement is whether the marriage contract has become so far that at the request of the bride the words are frequently omitted by overwedded clergymen, and the omission is not by any means a trifling or inconsequential whim. The modern woman means business.

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A Domestic System. A mother begins to realize that her boy has become a young man when he begins to wipe his feet on entering the house.

Ups and Downs of Childhood. That congress of mothers may discuss bringing children up, but it needs the fathers frequently to take some of them down.

Value of Good Roads. It would be next to impossible to estimate accurately the gain, commercially, financially and socially, which would accrue to the country districts of the state from a thorough system of good roads.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Chicago Chronicle: The Kentucky congregation which chased its pastor out of town because he denied the existence of the devil has a rival in Greenwich, Conn. Rev. Dr. Hill was charged with using to license liquor saloons, but the congregation had already decided not to discipline him when the discovery was made that he was addicted to the golf habit. This settled the matter and his resignation was at once demanded.

Courier-Journal: Rev Mr. Lindfield of Chicago is denouncing the sinfulness of the oyster as manifested in the 25-cent church supper, the reverend gentleman classing such a meal with the saloon and the gambling den, and condemning "the church that accepts money from such sources" as "full of the works of the devil." Perhaps the colored brother who classifies the saloon and successful in shooting oysters to Louisville is one of Brother Lindfield's militant missionaries.

Washington Post: We choose and pick our circle of friends with solicitude and care and admit those whom experience has shown to be congenial and whose antecedents are satisfactory. The church member is apt to carry into his religious life the same self-protecting armor of careful scrutiny. This is not the Christian spirit. Around the altar there should be no such barriers of suspicion and kindly welcome. Break down the barriers of inhospitality in the churches. Let the places where the lessons of an all-wise God are taught be the centers of cordiality and sympathy. Numbers of the church members are warm and glowing, there will be no icy barriers between the pews.

Having preserved the sacred codfish from profanation, Boston now proposes to exterminate the bean shooter. The hallowed edibles of the Hub must be rescued from the impious touch of the sacrilegious. The claims of a woman who imagined herself the wife of Jay Gould have been thrown out of court. The real culprit in the deal "Gould" the estate now appreciates the Gould policy. Millions for defense, not a cent for bogus claimants.

A rule adopted by the school board of Orange, N. J., provides: "The female teacher must remove their short bicycle skirts when they teach in the school room. Numbers of boys, heretofore indifferent to schooling, are now crowding the class rooms." The fatal mistake of Miss Richardson was in proposing to christen the "Kentucky" with a bottle of forty-five year-old whiskey. To put such royal blue grass dew to ignoble uses would move other than Kentucky souls to righteous indignation.

As specimens of public work out of the ordinary run of its class, the case was noted that the Massachusetts state house was overhauled and repaired for less than the sum appropriated. These Massachusetts men would be criticized in Philadelphia, where \$2,000,000 has been expended on a reservoir which won't hold water. There are patriots and patriots. A Jerseyman commissioned by the "dear people" to dispose of the late Mr. Jones was very badly smashed up in a runaway accident, so much so that he was confined to his bed for three weeks. But his mill ground on the millstone of duty. He was held in his bed and not a fee escaped his half-palated touch. Such devotion to duty deserves the paragrapher's laurel.

St. Louis doctor who attended the late Bill McCullough of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat covered two sheets of paper with an explanation of his bill for \$8,000. Glibly against the estate "for professional services rendered" McCullough's bill for \$8,000. The rary of the hotel keeper in Little Texas town who advertised "Meals 25c," but who, when Jay Gould happened one day to be his customer, "No, eggs are plain round and charged the millionaire the price of two eggs. When Gould mildly expostulated, suggesting that since eggs were so high out here they must be pretty scarce, the landlord replied: "No, eggs are plain round about here, and cheap enough for that matter, but men who are able to pay \$50 a dozen for eggs are pretty large — scarce." Mr. McCullough's estate is large enough to stand the bill.

Life is a longing—a wild, pulsing fever—An illness that yields but to death's chill behest. Successes and failures are struggles—desires that never have taken it over and we agreed that we would just as leave come right here to live as not.

TO BE WEARY AND TO REST. Proud suns, in their rising, contend against darkness. And sorrow never joys certain quest. The morning and evening are nature's strong striving. To be weary and to rest, Each soul as it enters life's wild, clinging "No! Starts out on a restless and treacherous quest. For this is the object of human endeavor—To be weary and to rest.

Miss Olla Cook of Council Bluffs will give a free exhibition of ceramics in our store this week.

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BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN. A cheap religion is a useless extravagance. The pruned limb is seldom the one that dies. When a sinner turns saint, he is not to overdo it. The congregation that does not gain is on the wane. No man suffers so much from rascality as the rascal. Let not the preacher exalt rites above righteousness. If you wish to know a man's character learn his thoughts. In judging another's honor we often place valuation upon our own. As a matter of fact, nobody believes in a hell except for his neighbor. The faults we rail at in others are usually the ones we possess ourselves. Never disparage the commonplace. What is more commonplace than a mother's love? The commonest kind of cheerful giver is the one who gives nothing but good advice. One trouble with the world is that there are so many people in it who are content to drift down stream.

DOMESTIC IDYLS. Detroit Free Press: "Yes, sir, I want to marry you nice." "What's that for, you would better give it to me, sir; I prefer the younger woman." Chicago Record: "My wife had a good cry last night." "What about?" "She told me to guess what she had bought me for Christmas, and I guessed."

Indianapolis Journal: "Darling, what shall I give you for a Christmas present?" "Well, my dear, you would better give me a flying machine. I know I'll need it when your bills come in." Philadelphia American: "Here's a great humanitarian scheme." "What's that?" "A corporation for assisting those well meaning women who start out to buy their husbands and sweethearts cigars for Christmas presents."

Cleveland Leader: "Do you believe there is anything in charms?" "He-Well, they say there is a good deal of pain with all the luxuries of them; but I can see at a glance that yours are genuine. May I?" "She could only nod." Chicago Tribune: "George, you must not squeeze my hand so hard." "What's that for, poor man who stole a loaf of bread and made the defense that he was starving?" "Mr. Wallace—Was it homemade bread?" "What has that to do with it?" "Because, if it was, he was lying. A starving man would not have the strength to run away with a loaf of homemade bread."

Washington Star: "I hope," said the girl's father, "that you expect to surround my daughter with all the luxuries to which she has been accustomed." "Oh, yes," was the prompt and cheerful response. "We have talked it over and we agreed that we would just as leave come right here to live as not."

Christmas is at Hand. What attracts you is it price or quality? Watered milk and shoddy involve the same principle—they are both frauds, it takes an expert test to discover the deception in either case. Both look like the genuine article.

In the matter of honest clothing the only security is in dealing with an honest house. There are others—we don't want a monopoly of all the virtues but we do guarantee every transaction you have with us. Besides that, as the largest manufacturers and retailers of fine clothing in the world, we have especial facilities that enable us to charge less than others for goods of equal merit or to offer better clothing for the same money—our prices for the best are: \$8.00, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.00 and up—in Suits, Over-coats and Ulsters—these are not "worth double" but just what we ask. \$1.00 worth of goods for \$1.00 cash.

Our store is one of the agencies of the esteemed Santa Claus. We've a lot of things to help him out—suits for the little fellows and their big brothers—and Reefers, Over-coats and Ulsters. Neckwear in unlimited variety of styles, fixings and furnishings of the finest and most appropriate kinds. Our stock of Men's Furnishings has been selected with taste and judgment with reference to the requirements of gentlemen who are particular. There are Shirts, white and fancy at \$1.00—4-ply all-linen collars 10c and cuffs at 20c—fancy silk suspenders 50c—gloves 50c and up—handkerchiefs 10c and up and a dozen in fancy boxes—mufflers from 25c to \$1.00—hosiery, plain and fancy 25c and up—underwear, 50c to \$6.50—umbrellas \$1.00 to \$15.00, also sets, cane and umbrella at \$3.50—Bath Rob's, "Lounging Robes," Smoking Jackets, Bath Sets, Stockinet Jackets and numerous other articles that to appreciate you must see.

And Neckwear. We have got the best selected assortment of ties ever shown in Omaha. All shapes, 3 qualities 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50, the cream of the markets. See our windows for an idea of the excellence we offer. Your especial attention to the very pretty Souvenir Boxes, in beautiful tinted effect, containing Christmas Neckwear, Suspenders or Gloves. Very appropriate. Open every night until Christmas.

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