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WHO IS TO BLAME?

Eugene Moore pleaded guilty to stealing \$22,000 of state money, but the supreme court said he was not guilty. A man is serving twelve years in the pen for stealing twelve chickens. He maintained his innocence, but the supreme court said he was guilty.

The Bee has no sympathy with Eugene Moore and neither has the rank and file of the republican party. If he escapes punishment it will be because there is a flaw in the law and not because of any political influence exerted in his favor.

A CASE FOR INVESTIGATION.

There can be no reasonable doubt as to the propriety and duty of a congressional investigation of the murder of Baker, the colored postmaster at Lake City, S. C., by a mob.

WHAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

There are some things that have happened within the last ten days about which many people would like to be enlightened. For example, people would like to know: First, What was the mission of the governor's private secretary, Mr. Maret?

NEW PLANTS AND FRUITS.

The farmers of the United States are being brought into neighborly relation to those of other and distant parts of the world somewhat at the expense of that pride which insists that we already have the best of everything.

SHIPPING A BIG LOAD.

It is asserted that the reason why Spain favors war is that if Cuba is permitted to depart in peace, Spain will be compelled to pay the first six months of the Cuban debt of \$600,000,000.

FALSE PROPHECY AND PROPHECIES.

The prophets who have predicted the failure of the Dingley bill did well to make the mistake of predicting the failure of the new regime. Of course, during that time while the country was consuming the large importations rushed in under the Wilson-Gorman tariff, it was difficult to see the way to a balance with the expenditures.

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IF IT IS TRUE, AS MR. JONES OF INDIANA, MASTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE, ASSERTS, THAT PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE 30,000,000 FARMERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE IN FAVOR OF THE PURE FOOD BILL PENDING IN CONGRESS, IT OUGHT TO BE PASSED PROMPTLY.

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IF THE GAMBLERS WERE SO UNCONFIDENT IN THE AMBIGUOUS LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, WHY DID THEY PUT UP THE POT THAT WAS TO HAVE PAID FOR ITS REPEAL BY THE LAST LEGISLATURE?

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IN CASE ATTORNEY GENERAL SMYTH MAKES GOOD HIS CHARGES THAT JURYMEN IN THE BARTLEY BOND CASE HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY APPROACHED AND TAMPERED WITH BY THIS COMMUNITY.

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ASIDE FROM THE COMPLICATORS THAT MAY POSSIBLY ARISE OVER THE MAINE INCIDENT THE OVERALL OUTLOOK WAS NEVER BRIGHTER FOR THE UNITED STATES.

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THE MAN AT THE HELM.

Washington Star: President McKinley is fortunate in being at the head of a thoughtful, newspaper-reading public who can be intelligent in self-restraint as well as ardent in loyalty.

The chairman of the populist state committee in Kansas is out with a formal and direct appeal to the survivors of the civil war to join the populist party. He declares positively that the republican party "is about done with the old soldier," and intimates that the populist party would be pleased to use him for awhile, but neglects to point out how the war veterans are going to secure any benefit from such arrangement.

The work to be undertaken by the National Association of Manufacturers by providing a system of sample warehouses in foreign countries means much for the business men of the United States. The important thing in enlarging trade is to get the prospective buyer to examine the article offered for sale, and the association contemplates doing in a general way for all American manufacturers what few of them could afford to do alone.

California people want to celebrate the golden anniversary of statehood by holding a great fair in 1900. They have no doubt that they can get up a show that will be a success despite the counter attraction of the Paris exposition, but they are still in doubt about their ability to get the attention of the American people while a presidential campaign is in progress.

GRATIFYING CONDITION.

The treasury surplus for February is a fact which some persons may choose to sneer at, but which nobody will succeed in sneering out of existence.

SPAIN'S YELLOW KID.

It was interesting to read in the New York Herald that Valeriano Weyler is wise he will save some of his mind for the greatest springing record of his life in the event of a few regiments of American soldiers finding it necessary to start on his trail.

DO OFFICIAL BONDS BIND?

A Nebraska jury has decided that the state may not collect from the bondman of a former state treasurer the \$550,000 default that was found in his accounts. What is the use of requiring bond from state officials where juries are of this mind?

A LEGAL IMPEDIMENT.

A Chicago lawyer has devised what he calls a "scheme of infallible logic." He says that it will solve all the insoluble problems of the world, and that it is a "great discovery." But of course he can't distinguish facts from falsehoods in all cases, and there's the rub.

WHAT A PATRIOT REALLY DOES.

New York Sun: Despatches from Ann Arbor assert that the Hon. William Jennings Bryan has notified the Students' League association of the University of Michigan that he is permitted to lecture on binationalism. He will talk for nothing, but that his price for remarks on any other subject is \$1,000.

NATIONAL INSPECTION OF MEAT.

Law Pronounced Unconstitutional by a Subordinate Court. The decision of Judge Rogers that the national meat inspection law is unconstitutional, is a great surprise, because the law had been passed by a large majority of congress, and there has been no objection to it from any source.

SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER.

There will be no change in the regulations of the Postoffice department in regard to second class mail matter. This was settled by the defeat in the house of representatives yesterday, by a vote of 162 to 119, of the Loud bill, which provided for excluding from the second class a large amount of mail matter now included in that class and which is carried at one cent per pound.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Cubans seem to be the people who are deriving the most comfort from the present situation. If Seattle and Tacoma do not get rich this year, it will be in spite of the Klondike discoveries—mer their own riches.

Mr. Minnie Houghtaway, a trained nurse of Chicago, has just received a present of \$10,000 from a great and wealthy patient who she nursed and who she has just buried.

Mascagni, as director of the conservatory at Pesaro, the heir of Rossini, wants the Italian Parliament to pass a law exempting the Barber of Seville from the copyright of which has just expired, from the operation of the copyright law.

Representative John Allen of Mississippi, and the giant representative from Illinois, Mr. Hinrichsen, have become such fast friends during the session that they are seldom seen except in the company of each other.

Joseph Fougere, a deplorably discharged soldier, committed suicide at Presidio, Cal., a few days ago by shooting himself through the heart with the new Krag-Jorgensen rifle.

QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

What Would Be Contributory Negligence? New York Sun. Assuming for the sake of argument that the naval board of inquiry will show that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine or by a torpedo, let us inquire under what circumstances and to what extent the Spanish government can be held responsible for the injury inflicted.

There is no doubt that a ship of war when lying in a friendly harbor, is entitled to the same kind and degree of protection which the shore and the land are afforded. Inmates would receive in this country to which he is accredited. The duty of affording protection is even intensified in the case of a battleship, when, instead of being permitted to choose her anchorage, she is ordered to anchor at a particular spot.

It is known to be contiguous to submarine mines, the case presented to international lawyers is precisely similar to that of an ambassador who, instead of being suffered to choose his residence, should be constrained to occupy a dwelling which was mined. It is obvious that such a state of things would involve the duty of extraordinary vigilance upon the part of the host government.

To determine the extent of the Spanish government's responsibility for the destruction of the Maine, the question which of fact has to be answered, it is well enough to say that the loss of the vessel was due to a submarine mine or a torpedo, for, although the mine or torpedo was not employed, beyond a doubt, make the Spanish government, as being responsible for the acts of its subjects, liable for the damage done.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

Truth: Young Physician (excitedly)—How did you learn about me? Messenger—Rang all the bells till I found out at home.

Atherton (Globe): A man always says "the whole world is against me," but before he has talked five minutes he reverses the word.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What a long, thin head Jimson has!" "Yes, but he has pushed it into a bureau for a dollar button."

Detroit Free Press: "It will never do to let women have equal suffrage." "Any special reason?" "Yes, just because we still it would sound like to call our battleship 'women-of-war'."

Indianapolis Journal: "Our representatives," says the Plunkville Tonic, whose editor did not get the post office, "has been in congress a year or thereabouts, and the only measure he has ever opened his mouth about is a pint."

Brooklyn Life: Why is she really so curious? She—Curious? Ho, she'd listen to advice.

Indianapolis Journal: "Yes, she formally proposed for his hand." "Yes, but he said 'no'." "She ran her off the premises with a broom."

Somerville Journal: When the devil quotes scripture, the average man can't tell off-hand whether or not he quotes it right.

Chicago Recorder: "Didn't you tell me this morning that you had a good girl that my children would cry for?" "No, you misinterpreted me; I told you they would cry after it."

Detroit Journal: "Lend me thy wings, O Love!" "I'm sorry, but I can't lend you my wings." "Then it became apparent that Riches would have to fly on his own."

Chicago Post: "Do you know what you are?" asked the man who was growing tired of bluster and threats. "What am I?" demanded the man who had been impudently and arrogantly calling names and yelling until he was black in the face. "You are nothing but a human yellow journal," was the retort.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "How bowlegged that young electrician is." "Yes, but it gives him a professional appearance after he has been with a U magnet upside down."

Washington Star: "Yes," said Senator Sorghum, "I think I may say that my hearer's spellbound." "If I don't do better than Miss Cayenne." "When I left the capitol the other day, I felt exactly as if I had experienced a hypnotic influence. To tell the truth, I was drowsy all the next day."

Detroit Journal: "The golden cord is severed," he sighed—"It was certainly understood. That the post was left by his wife because He wouldn't sever a cord of wood."

STILL AND FOR AYE. Since you are a New York Ledger. "You are still a youth to me, John; you are still my bonny boy." "The same as when we plighted troth." "Full fifty years." "The same as when our wedding bells rang out and gay." "And here the good wife beathed a sigh." "And shook her locks of gray."

"It seemeth strange to me, John, who married you for aye, who hold the ring you gave me as the apple of my eye." "To see the youngsters never content to give their wives and hands." "As we did in the good old times." "Without scarp and lands!"

"I didn't bring you much, John, and you had little more." "But you had more in place of wealth." "And plenteous love in store." "And through the joys and strife, dear John, the good wife did me true." "And now we've one another still." "As we had in the start."

"The times have sadly changed, John, since you and I were young." "The marriage tie is lightly held." "And many a heart is wrung." "And yet you'd come to me, John." "And still my bonny boy." "The same as when we plighted troth till fifty years ago."

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