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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER. Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business Office, in person or by mail.

All the roads in Iowa lead to Cedar Rapids this week. The automobile will have to hump itself if it wants to pass the trotting horse on the road.

The two-minute trotter is another step nearer. The horse appears to have imbued the rapid spirit of the age. If these million-dollar rains keep up Nebraska farmers will pay off a few more mortgages during the coming year.

Ex-President Kruger denies that he will visit Russia. He is looking for liberty and probably thinks there is no surplus stock in that country. If crops grow with the rapidity of twigs in the newly opened reservation in Oklahoma settlers will have ample time to reap a harvest this season.

One man in fourteen secured land in the Oklahoma drawing. Now let the other thirteen come to Nebraska, where they can have something better than a 14 to 1 shot. DeKalb county, Tennessee, has just had the first lynching in its history. It will probably always remain a mystery how this one country happened to make such a record.

Summed up in a sentence, the new grievance of George Kennan against the Russians is that he went over to Russia expecting to be ordered out and got what he expected. A permit has been taken out for a \$20,000 creamery to be erected in this city. The cow has become a factor to be reckoned with in figuring up the resources of Nebraska.

A Frenchman asserts that he has ascended higher in a balloon than any other man. Some of the American "get-rich-quick" companies have certainly given him a good race. The flying machine will again monopolize the attention of Parisians today. A machine that can be made to circle the Eiffel tower in response to the guiding hand is close to perfection.

Grain Speculator Phillips expresses confidence that the patrons whom a careless bookkeeper overpaid on the May corn deal will cheerfully refund him the money. Such faith in humanity is cheerful while it lasts, but it is not likely to survive the call for settlement. The Panama revolutionists threaten to interrupt transit across the Isthmus. The United States has guaranteed that commerce across that strip of land shall not be hampered and the revolutionists may find they have stirred up a country which does not look upon revolution as a pastime, but insists upon making it serious.

The Bee prints some interesting views on the subject of tuberculosis transmitted from local authorities whose opinions will carry weight. The theories advanced are naturally more or less conflicting, yet in many points harmonious. The question is such a vital one to the human race irrespective of its habitation that it is always timely. In Custer and other countries where the populists are much more numerous than the democrats the latter have been ignored in the makeup of the local ticket. In Douglas and others, where the conditions are reversed, democrats propose to go it alone. With the state plebe wagon moved into another camp the adhesive qualities of fusion appear to have been greatly weakened.

THE SOUTHERN PROGRAM.

The platform of the Maryland democracy boldly enunciates the paramount issue in the south to be the disfranchisement of the negro and his suppression as a factor in the conduct of state and national affairs. We are told that the sagacity of the democratic leaders of that state was called into requisition for this purpose, and under the guidance and advice of former Senator Gorman the following declaration upon the chief point at issue was evolved: The democratic party represents more than 40,000 majority of the white people of Maryland. They, in company with the brethren of other states, into which large masses of colored voters have been injected into the body politic, recognize that the peace, good order, personal safety and proper development of our material interests depends upon the control of the commonwealth by its intelligent white residents. This is simply a reflex of the spirit which permeates the Alabama constitutional convention and an indorsement of the policy pursued in Mississippi, the Carolinas and Louisiana. This policy contemplates nothing more nor less than the permanent degradation of the negro and a return to the old slave oligarchy in a new disguise. The grandfather clause in the constitution of North Carolina is palpably designed to enfranchise the ignorant white man and shut out all blacks regardless of educational or other qualifications. The Alabama plan, which is equally ingenious, contemplates as a condition precedent, for every voter, the ability to read and write the constitution of the United States in the English language, coupled with proof that he has been engaged in some lawful occupation for twelve months preceding, together with a recommendation from his employers for five years past. If he cannot read and write he may nevertheless vote if he owns forty acres of land and pays taxes on \$300 of assessed property. Manifestly, these provisions will bar out 90 per cent of the men of color, even though they may be able to read and write, while it is expected that every white man will be able to muster the requisite certificates relative to education and taxation, inasmuch as the carefully selected registrars will be empowered to exercise their individual judgment and discretion. The program of the rejuvenated south is so plain that it will not have to be proclaimed in party platforms. It will simply have for its basis the broad, general proposition that this is a white man's government, regardless of the individual citizen. The educational limitations are merely a gauzy device for the general disfranchisement of men of color. The better to guard against a possible revision in the future, it will necessarily be the aim of southern statesmen to throw every obstacle in the way of the education of the blacks by unfavorable legislation and lack of school facilities, and on the other hand by the encouragement of idleness and wastefulness and the discouragement of thrift and industry in order to lessen the opportunities of the negro of meeting the property qualifications. Deny it as they may, this is the program the democratic leaders of the south have laid out for themselves and their posterity. It goes without saying that the partisanship of the negro would not have been offensive had his vote been divided instead of being massed under the republican flag. During the time when General Mahone and his red-adjusters were battling for reparation in Virginia the negro voters were never molested on either side and their votes were counted because they were wanted.

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article of the first necessity, which the island can produce with American capital and methods at such a low price that it would revolutionize the markets." The capacity of Cuba for sugar production is very great. The last large sugar crop was raised on 8 per cent of the entire sugar-producing lands. It is estimated that this year's crop will be 800,000 tons and the expectation is that double that amount will be produced next year. Fully developed Cuba can produce as much sugar as the annual consumption of the United States. This with the low price of production is easy to understand would revolutionize the markets, in doing which the American sugar industry, both beet and cane, would, if all protection were removed from them, be destroyed. The question which congress will be called upon to determine is to what extent, if any, this country can go in granting tariff concessions to Cuban sugar without disastrous consequences to the home industry. The best sugar interest has made rapid progress. There is a large amount of capital invested in the industry and it employs considerable labor. There is no doubt it will continue to grow if not subjected to a destructive competition, such as would come from removing the duty on Cuban sugar. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has expressed the opinion that the duty should be retained and possibly this reflected the administration view. At all events we are inclined to think that congress will refuse to grant concessions that would manifestly be detrimental to the American sugar industry.

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Our old friend Elbert Hubbard seems to have gotten himself into an awkward position even for a Philistine by the story of his alleged attempt to form a pulp trust among the ministers of East Aurora, to which we alluded at the time it was published in the New York Independent. As the ministers in East Aurora are few in number, they naturally took his slighting references to their selfish greed to themselves and entered vigorous protest against the Philistine statements in terms favored with unmistakable fire. The ministers deny that their churches had been compelled to resort to "poverty parties" and "chicken pie socials" and other species of "plous blackmail" to keep the wolf from the door and took special exception to the fairy tale about ten young women being stood up in a row with only their stocking feet showing below a curtain covering for the purpose of exacting 10 cents apiece from spectators for the privilege of "guessing at the owners of the underpinning." Worse yet, the clergymen insist that the famous interview in which the church trust proposition was indignantly rejected is a pure figment of the Philistine imagination, because it never occurred. Instead of braving the storm out like a true Philistine, however, Mr. Hubbard seems to have replied to a request from the editors of the Independent for names and date of the supposed interview with an unequivocal refusal, which has led the Independent to remark that it not only regrets his unwillingness to substantiate what he said, but also that it published statements for which it can get no corroboration. All this is certainly entertaining if not instructive beyond pointing the moral that fiction writers must not become too realistic. For the great Philistine we apprehend that the most serious consequence of his rashness will be the closing of a lucrative market for the kaleidoscopic products of his pen with the conscientious publishers of religious weeklies who object to having spurious goods piled off on them and their readers as the genuine stuff.

THE AMPLE GOLD SUPPLY. Those who have insisted that the gold supply is not adequate to the business requirements of the world will not find any encouragement for their view in the latest statistics of the distribution of the yellow metal among the leading commercial nations. These figures show that six countries have nearly \$2,000,000,000 in gold and among them the United States is first, with a gold fund in the national treasury of \$504,000,000 in round numbers, the largest fund of gold ever held by this government and said to be larger than any other government ever possessed. The Bank of France ranks second to the treasury of the United States, with the Imperial Bank of Russia third, the Bank of Austria-Hungary fourth, the Bank of England fifth and the Bank of Germany sixth. Of course these statistics do not represent all the gold in the several countries specified. For instance, in this country there is nearly or quite as much gold in circulation—that is, in the banks and in the hands of the people—as there is in the national treasury, and this is also the case in some of the other countries, particularly in Great Britain, France and Germany. Everybody is aware of the fact that in the United States there is no difficulty in obtaining gold coin, to whatever extent wanted. It is paid out freely by the banks and it can be had of the government on demand. This is also the case in most other leading financial nations, particularly Great Britain. In a word, the gold supply of the civilized world at this time is so abundant that no preference is given to the yellow metal over other forms of currency, while in the ordinary transactions of business silver and paper are preferred to gold. Speaking of the unprecedented gold fund of the government, United States Director of the Mint Roberts said: "The dimensions of this fund indicate a great era of prosperity now prevailing throughout the United States. It can always be regarded an accurate barometer of industrial and commercial conditions and the fact that it is now in excess of anything that we have ever held indicates that the volume of our business has assumed corresponding proportions. It furnishes a clinching argument against the free silver theory also, and shows that our currency system is running on rock ballast. No stronger argument against the utility of a change in our currency system could be furnished." It is to be presumed that even the most radical of silverites will admit this. The supply of gold continues to grow. The increase during 1900 was not quite as large as in the preceding year, owing to the war in South Africa, but there is good reason to expect that the world's yield this year will be fully up to that of 1899 and may exceed it. At any rate, there is no immediate prospect that the supply of gold will be inadequate for the world's business.

THE REVOLUTIONARY DISTURBANCES. The revolutionary disturbances in Venezuela and Colombia, which threaten to embroil those republics in war, appear to be sufficiently serious to make it doubtful if either of them will be represented in the panamerican congress which is to meet in the city of Mexico two months hence. Taken in connection with the attitude assumed by Chile in regard to the congress, there is reason to apprehend that at least three of the South American states will not send delegates, and while this will not necessarily prevent the holding of the congress, the absence of these republics from the meeting would impair to a greater or less degree the value of its deliberations, since neither of them would be bound by any action taken. This is a situation to be regretted, but it well illustrates the unreliability of most of the so-called republics of South America, nearly all of which are continually hot beds of political strife and revolutionary intrigue. The present outbreaks in Colombia and Venezuela have had their counterpart in every Latin American state and the plain lesson they teach is that the people of those countries are still to a large extent incapable of self-government, in the broadest sense. The events now occurring there are very suggestive of what might happen in Cuba were the Cubans left to that absolute and unrestricted freedom which their radical politicians have demanded.

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THE GERMAN FLAG HAS BEEN INSULTED AND TRAMPLED ON. Nay, more, it has been called a dirty rag by a half-civilized Colombian. What is to be done? Done! The insult shall be avenged. The "mailed fist" shall be "shook" in the face of the insolent insulter and an apology, abject and humble, must be forthcoming, or the Panama canal will be bombarded. Sic semper tyrannis, a pleribus unum, hic Jacet-pokoit toom.

WHERE FAITH FAILED. A Memphis dentist, who believed in the faith cure, fell ill last week. But there is no such thing as a free lunch. The dentist insisted that he was merely tired. He took to his bed to rest. Monday morning a faith healer was kneeling by the dentist's bedside. "Doctor, wake up," she cried. "Error has no power over this." The doctor didn't wake up. He will never wake up again in this world. Error had too much power over him. Now why did he die? He had plenty of faith. Why didn't the cure follow?

SPRINGING UP IN DRESS. Boston Transcript. General Chaffee tells the army in the Philippines that now the war is over the time has come for it to brace up in the matter of appearance, to button its blouses, keep its shoes polished and its buttons bright. Campaigning in a rough country under a tropical sun, the days have with requirements that become routine in times of peace, and handsome is as handsome does. But General Chaffee has a deeper motive than fastidiousness. He knows, as every old officer knows, that neatness of costume and preciseness in the way of wearing it are powerful aids to discipline and efficiency. General Chaffee has not acted any too soon. An army that looks slouchy is liable to act slouchy, if relaxation spreads, as it is apt to do, to things more important than appearance.

CONTROLLING NILE WATERS. Lentle's Weekly. The British government has undertaken to restore the ancient order of things by forcing the flood waters of the Nile, so that, irrigating, once more the desert lands of Egypt will be in a condition to supply cotton, cereals and other products enough for the markets of the world, since three crops can be raised in a year. This is to be accomplished by the erection of dams across the channel of the Nile. Two of these are now nearing completion, thanks to British energy and capital, which has made the undertaking possible. It is of interest to know that 25,000 natives and Italians are now at work in shifts of 12,500 each, by night and day in the completion of the dam. The same quarries that supplied stone to King Menes are being worked by them and the grooves and notches of laborers who extracted rough material for the temples of Philae and Cleopatra's needle were found by the men who are using modern implements propelled by steam to obtain stone for the dams.

BLANKS FROM RAM'S HORN.

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