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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Carrie Nation says she is going on the stage. She can't act any worse there than she does off the stage.

Honduras and Nicaragua have agreed to do the dancing for the concert of the powers in Central America.

Ice companies in New York are indulging in a cut-price war. The coal men will pull off a similar stunt about the middle of next July.

An Indiana baby girl is puzzling scientists by rapidly turning red. The reports of the Thaw trial should not be read aloud in the nursery.

Milwaukee is boasting that it has the best water works system in the country, but Milwaukee's fame can never rest on its water supply.

Japan may refuse to get over its war scare until Richmond Pearson Hobson and Mayor Schmitz are placed under bonds to keep the peace.

Dr. Mary Walker says the odor of onions will keep disease germs out of a room, showing that disease germs have some almost human traits.

King Edward has complimented Governor Swettenham of Jamaica for his courage. The governor's need, however, is an endorsement of his judgment.

Editor Bok of the Ladies Home Journal says no gentleman should ever take a drink before his wife. It would seem more polite to let her drink first.

The legislative member who thinks a tax of a few dollars will hurry bachelors into matrimony will discover that he has only been thinking that he was thinking.

A western woman whose husband insists upon moving to Chicago has asked for a divorce without assigning any other cause. No additional reason is necessary.

Emperor William says he would do almost anything to please the United States. He might capture Harry Lehr, who is now visiting in Germany, and put him to work.

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RAILROAD MISMANAGEMENT.

Much attention and no little discussion has been aroused by a scathing review of railroad mismanagement contributed by Albert Shaw to the February number of his "Review of Reviews" magazine.

It has been a favorite retort for railroad spokesmen to ask how any one but an experienced railroad man could dare to adjust rates, revise train schedules, or regulate the hours of trainmen or the use of safety appliances.

There are, doubtless, plenty of hard working, conscientious, faithful railroad officers and employes who do the routine work efficiently and for possibly inadequate wages, but it is railroad mismanagement "higher up" that is chargeable with the succession of inexcusable wrecks.

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PASSING OF THE JIU-JITSU FAD.

Midshipmen in the naval academy at Annapolis will no longer be instructed in the art of jiu-jitsu, the authorities having decided that the method holds no advantage over the old forms of wrestling and other athletic exercises long in vogue at the academy.

The jiu-jitsu fad has at least served to illustrate anew the truth of the statement of the lamented Phineas T. Barnum that the American people love to be humbugged.

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CORTELYOU AND THE TREASURY.

Criticism of the appointment of George B. Cortelyou as secretary of the treasury continues, but it is noteworthy that it comes from the most part from quarters distinctly hostile to the Roosevelt administration.

The deprecatory campaign, however, is mild now in comparison with what it was when the nomination was first announced.

But prejudice is inconsistent with the essential function of expert witnesses, and prejudice is inherent in the practice of retaining experts on a growing scale of fees that have become a scandal.

The circumstances, on the contrary, serve to direct public attention to the solid fact that few men have come to the head of the treasury better qualified than Mr. Cortelyou for a large part of its most important work.

Moreover, Mr. Cortelyou has the prestige of having decisively "made good" in all the severe tests and heavy responsibilities he has gone through at Washington.

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IN HARDING COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

The celebration will not be held until February 12, 1909, and the interest sure to be aroused during the time yet to intervene is bound to invest the event with momentous character.

It will be recalled that when the insurance legislation demanded in consequence of the investigations made under direction of Governor Hughes was pending, representatives of insurance companies likely to be affected were laudably forecasting the terrible obstacles that would be put in their way by the enactment of these laws.

The exhibits of last year's business of the big New York life insurance companies, now being given to the public, do not in the least bear out these forebodings.

The railroad passenger men, who are objecting to any reduction in the maximum passenger mileage rate, lay special stress upon the comparatively sparse population of Nebraska along-side of Iowa and Missouri, and other states immediately adjoining on the east.

The question has been asked. What would happen if, after the legislature adjourns, the supreme court should knock out the state railroad commission by declaring invalid the amendment to the constitution voted at the last election? That is an easy one.

Senator Foraker is not attracting much attention with his senate investigation of the Brownsville affair. Even the senators are falling to keep track of the inquiry, as they have killed all the time necessary this session and do not need the excuse.

For some strange and unaccountable reason no more amendments have been offered by our statesmen at Lincoln to vindicate the dignity of the commonwealth by substituting a capital "S" for a small "s" at \$1.46 per page paid to the printer.

Art of Vocal Fencing. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. King Edward hurts nobody's feelings in referring to the Jamaica incidents. The king has no equal in the art of saying nothing in particular agreeably.

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Mandelberg's 1522 FARNAM GIFT SHOP

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

No one ever regretted burying a slander. A man does not pick up sand by licking the dust.

The ignorant may be foolish, but only the wisest are brave.

Deeds of golden hearts are better than dreams of golden harps.

The man who is drowning in drink usually hopes to save himself by catching at a straw.

Some folks think they are generous because they are willing to give up their good intentions.

The happy Christian so advertises his religion that the other man will not be happy until he gets it.

Many a youth who would scorn to wear second-hand clothes is living on a hand-me-down reputation.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Platte river is not as imposing or as deep as the Ohio, but the spread of its wings is immense.

Reports from New York enable people in the provinces to understand what is meant by "The Great White Way."

The shortage in the lemon crop is doubtless due to the number of legislators have in stock for distribution among corporations.

Tom Edison is 59 and thinks he has reached the time when more play and less work would be enjoyable.

What a waste of good energy is this rooting in the ruins of Egypt for ancient fossils, while the modern article openly defies time and the undertaker.

Unmindful of the edict of the fathers prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment, Utah proposes to have dental students practice on the teeth of convicts.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about that celebrated case in New York is the variety of disease a fellow may possess which doctors cannot recognize until he gets into trouble.

Mary Elizabeth Leaso breaks self-imposed silence long enough to say that men have not improved since the days of Adam.

The Missouri legislative genius, who would restrict Easter bonnets to the \$1.35 variety, is now exercising his gray matter on a bill requiring automobiles to be equipped with dog catchers.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Younger—Yes, indeed, my new typewriter gift is quite a success.

Nan—Aren't you snapping your fingers at him, as you always said you would?

"Darling, you would not like me to take tainted money, now would you?"

"He seems to think so," answered the daughter, "because I told him the other evening that he was sending me too many costly flowers and ought to begin to save his money."

MY OWN FOUR WALLS.

The storm and thomas is on the waste, With sighs, dinners, balls, cabarets, As fast on willing nag I haste Home to my own four walls.

Black, tossing clouds, with scarce a glimmer, Envelope earth like sevenfold path; But within watches, coffee pot, dials, Home in my own four walls.

A home and wife I, too, have got, A heart to baffle winter's bellows; What needs a man that I have not Within my own four walls?

King George has palaces of pride, And armed grooms must ward those halls; With one stout bolt I safe abide Within my own four walls.

Not all his men may sever this; It yields to friends, not monarchs' calls; My whinstone house my castle is; I have my own four walls.

When foils or knives do make a rout With signet, dinners, balls, cabarets, I turn my back and shut them out— These are my own four walls.

The moonland house, though rude it be, May stand the brunt when prouder falls; 'Twill screen my wife, my books, and me, All in my own four walls.

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No piano lasts forever. Few pianos last as long as the Bush & Lane. None of them have that quality of tone. There are some marvels of beauty in design and finish in the new 1907 Bush & Lane Pianos.

The New Bush & Lane for \$375

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