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

Timely arrests will cure premature celebrations of the Fourth. Editor Stead says Washington reminds him of an English city. Probably by contrast.

California boasts of a hog worth \$1,000,000, but fails to give the name of the corporation which he controls.

"Is there a too free use of medicine?" asks the New York Times. No, but possibly there is a too expensive use of it.

Dr. Kellogg of Detroit declares the world is rapidly going insane. If you do not believe it, just look at your neighbors.

Omaha paving contractors are to be balled on the carpet. The carpet is too soft—they should be balled on the rough hard pavement.

The magazine editor who is advertising for "good, truthful fish stories" ought to know that the good fish stories are not truthful.

Nikola Tesla still insists that he can talk to Mars. It would be a pleasant summer if Tesla would only talk more to Mars and less to Earth.

Royalty is having a pleasant time this summer. Mr. Carnegie has visited the kaiser and Mark Twain has condescended to meet King Edward.

Owing to the high price of fruits, the pie of the season is much like Pittsburg society—not much difference between the upper and the lower crusts.

General Funston refers to the "unwhipped mob" in San Francisco in a manner indicating that it is not his fault that the whipping has not been administered.

A London antiquarian tries to make us believe that the fan has been the theme of poets for centuries. Must be mistaken. Base ball is a comparatively modern game.

Army surgeons insist that mosquitoes have been entirely banished from the Panama canal belt. That's all right, but they should have been driven south instead of north.

Lightning struck an oil tank in Pennsylvania and Mr. Rockefeller doubtless thinks the lightning must have made a mistake, thinking it was striking the tank of an independent company.

The Department of Agriculture declares that rats destroy \$100,000,000 worth of grain on railroad trains every year. Still the shippers suffer heavier losses by railroad rats than by railroad rats.

The festive giant firecracker does not always wait until the Glorious Fourth before getting down to business. The work of heading off Fourth of July fatalities should, therefore, begin early.

Dr. Hindee, a Danish physician, gives the assurance that 2 cents worth of bread, cheese and fruit is enough for the daily food of an average man. That sounds good until you get an ocular demonstration of the amount of fruit you can buy for 2 cents.

CAN FUSION BE SAVED?

The scheme of the democratic political wirepullers to hold a state convention or conference to decide on candidates in anticipation of the coming primary election, plainly springs from a desire to save fusion in Nebraska at least for another year.

The practical politics of the situation, however, is an almost positive certainty, unless some agreement is reached in advance, that the populists will nominate only populists and the democrats will nominate only democrats.

With Mr. Bryan as the prospective candidate next year and the all importance of a presidential campaign staring them in the face, the democrats will have to sacrifice anything the populists may demand to keep them in line for fusion on the electoral ticket in 1908.

It will make no difference in the end, therefore, whether the conference or convention is held before the primaries or after the primaries. Fusion can be saved in Nebraska if Mr. Bryan wants to save it.

LIMITS OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

The courts are making some good progress toward correcting the erroneous impression apparently held by many people that the federal rate and anti-trust laws are a panacea for all commercial and social ills.

The controversy, in the theatrical case, arose over the refusal of the syndicate to book the plays of independent managers and actors in their theaters.

The Interstate Commerce commission, which has performed marvelously good work in accomplishing reforms in transportation matters, under the extended power granted it by the new rate law, has apparently made a mistake in deciding that railroads and other transportation companies may lawfully make special rates for the movement of federal troops when such movement is under the orders and expense of the United States and that the rates so made need not be filed or posted.

The basic principle of the new rate law, passed in 1906, is the prevention of discriminations and rebates and the adoption as a transportation rule that all railroad patrons should fare alike.

THE GRADUATE AND THE GOWN.

Superintendent Cooley, head of the public school system of Chicago, talks a little like a professor in the University of Chicago when he utters a tirade against what he is pleased to term senseless extravagance in the matter of expenditures for the gowns of the girl graduates in June.

justified in his argument, but the public will not agree with him. Of course, it is humiliating to a poor girl to be outdressed at commencement time by her classmate who is inferior in education, but has familiar relations with a bank account.

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THE SULTAN BROUGHT TO TERMS.

The average American, who is a decent sort of person in his way, expresses and generally feels considerable contempt for titles and degrees of rank, but they feel differently about it in the old world, as has just been demonstrated by a diplomatic incident.

But all that has been changed. The last session of congress passed an act raising the rank of America's representative to ambassador.

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Mayor "Jim" says he will issue permits suspending the license ordinances whenever and to whomsoever he sees fit without waiting for the aid or consent of any city council on earth.

The frequent erection of that new theater in Omaha by representatives of the Theatrical trust suggests that perhaps there is an object to be gained in discouraging any one from building a theater here which the independents might get hold of.

The people of Omaha and Douglas county want no patchwork court house. When they build they will erect a structure that will be creditable to the city for years to come.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Under a state law requiring the city of New York to pay employees "the prevailing rate of wages," 4,663 suits were begun against the city by skilled mechanics who contended that they were not paid the prevailing rate in their respective trades.

The first Norwegian battleship to visit New York harbor arrived last Saturday, and according to the police, every man, woman and child of Norwegian birth or descent, visited the ship during Saturday and Sunday.

For the first time since the introduction of high power currents for running heavy trains the public had a demonstration Saturday afternoon on the New York Central viaduct, at the Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Park avenue, of what destruction is possible when this powerful current of electricity is short circuited.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Two men in Pittsburg fought a duel with hot irons as weapons, and the iron cooled before their wrath did. The method never will become popular, for it hurts.

Henry James says American women do not acknowledge the "superiority of their husbands, as the English women do." No, indeed, the women on this side are a good deal harder to fool than the English brand.

One of the food faddists says that a man might live well on two cents a day, but another states that five cents is the adequate amount. When they have tried their respective systems of living we'll be rid of their nonsensical blither, anyhow.

For a memorial to Henry Ward Beecher to be placed upon some suitable spot at the Beecher homestead in Litchfield, Conn., the Litchfield County University club has declared in favor of a bas relief in bronze of medallion heads of Rev. Mr. Beecher and his sister, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the medallion to be garlanded with oak leaves.

Investigations of far-reaching importance concerning the life of prehistoric man, were begun last week upon the arrival in Wyoming of Harlan I. Smith, of the American Museum of Natural History.

President J. T. Harahan of the Illinois Central Railway, is to be credited with being the world's chief traveler. Averaging 150 miles a day for fifteen years, a total of \$21,250 miles, and an average of 200 miles a day for twenty years, the grand total for thirty-five years reaches the colossal figure of 2,281,250 miles.

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SOURCE OF TAFT'S STRENGTH.

Represents the Principles of the Square Deal. Kansas City Star. The remarkable expression of friendship for Secretary Taft manifested everywhere throughout the west on the occasion of his recent tour through Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, has caused the politicians who have combined to defeat him more anxiety for the success of their undertaking than they have heretofore experienced.

There is little wonder that the politicians of the old school—the "standpatners"—should be unable to comprehend the secret of Taft's strength with the masses. They regard him as a political misfit, and with his party because he is not in accord with "Uncle" Joe Cannon's doctrine of "standing pat" for high tariff and a protective system which gives the "special interests" the right to plunder the public.

If these men could comprehend the source of Secretary Taft's popularity they would understand the futility of their appeal to the people for the old order of things. Taft is in harmony with the sentiment of the present day. His sympathies are right. He is opposed to the government policy which has retarded the manipulation of national prosperity to increase the cost of living for the wage earner beyond the possibility of increase in his wages, and adds only to the riches of protected trusts and corporations.

It is not surprising that such a man should meet the approval of the people—and the opposition of the "special interests." If "Uncle" Joe Cannon and the rest of the "standpatners" understood the people they would understand Taft and Taft's popularity.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Mrs. Lapaling was explaining the nature of the injury sustained by Johnny when he fell off the back porch. "It's a wonder he ever went through it alive," she said. The doctor says he came mighty near fracturing his justaposition. You know that's the bone next to the medullion obliquo."—Chicago Tribune.

"Don't you think automobile accidents are inexorable emergencies?" "Of course I do," answered the motor enthusiast. "The public ought to learn to dodge quicker."—Washington Star.

"What, my son, you see what I am doing for per daddy, don't you?" "What, my?" "Why, just as soon as the government knows that he is in a jam with a gun they 'finted him postmaster at \$9 a year, an 'purty soon he'll be sellin' stamps what you see on letters."—Atlanta Constitution.

"My new play is sure to make a hit," said the popular dramatist. "It gives me an opportunity to display twenty new gowns." "Me!" exclaimed his friend. "How many acts?" "Only four, but in one of them the scene is at the dressmaker's."—Catholic Standard and Times.

"I cracked a lawyer's house the other night," said the 3rd burglar, disingenuously. "And the lawyer was tipped with a gun ready for me. He advised me to get out. 'You got off easy,' replied the other. 'Not much, I did a week in the pen for de advice.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"We demand a new trial. Grave errors were made in the selection of the jury!" "We thought we were picking out men who would acquit our client."—Washington Herald.

"How much money really has he?" "I don't know. What is his attitude toward the law?" "What do you mean?" "Does he evade, defy, or ignore it?"—Washington Herald.

Lady Missionary—My poor man, when you lie here alone at night and think of your past misdeeds, do you not feel remorse gnawing at your heart?" "Convinced (disgustedly)—Naw!"—Baltimore American.

"The man of the house," said the man at the door who was taking names for the city directory. "Is a black man?" "Believe." "Why?" replied the young woman with the prominent pompadour. "But Papa is quite wealthy now, so please make it 'black-smythe.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"The young wife was dismayed. 'Oh, John, how could I do this to you?' she said. 'I'm sorry our new cook has spoiled your coffee this morning, but she is so young and inexperienced, so you must be patient with her. Kiss her this evening, dear.'" "All right," replied the husband. "Call her in."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wondering, I watch to pity her; Wandering, I see are biting their lips. Content, I think the untamed thoughts Of free and solitary days. Until the mournful dusk begins To drop upon the quiet street, Until upon the pavement fall, There falls the sound of coming feet.

Practical Uses of Corn Starch. You cannot have a more practical and useful food article in your kitchen than the genuine KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO CORN STARCH. It is the standard of quality for over half a century. For making flaky and wholesome desserts it is unequalled; but its most practical use consists in helping you in your cooking and baking. Learn how it will wonderfully improve the quality of bread, pastry, jellies, soups, gravies, and many other everyday dishes, by consulting our ORIGINAL RECIPES AND COOKING HELPS.