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

Mr. Taft has shown the Missourians.

At last reports Colonel Bryan had a cliche on the delegates from Hawaii and Montreal.

It is now up to Senator Forsaker to prove that the supreme court of Ohio is unconstitutional.

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Congressman Nelson of Wisconsin looked Speaker Cannon right in the eye and told him that he was too old to be president. Carnegie Hero commission please write.

Colonel Bryan says he is going to devote the rest of his life to "the task of returning this government to the people." That being the case, the rest of the country can go right on looking after ordinary affairs.

Father Knickerbocker has been trading with the Indians for well nigh three centuries, and he has never been able to content himself with the operations of a rival in the trade. That is why he has gone after Omaha so fiercely.

Having given each of the warring factions his positive and solemn assurance that he would not seek nor accept the honor, the editor-congressman was "endorsed" for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to Denver. This ought to help him immensely next fall.

POSTAL SERVICE REFORMS

The Postoffice department comes into more direct touch with the people than any other branch of the government service and it is the one government institution that should be operated, above all others, on the same business lines that would mark the conduct of a private concern or corporation having relations with the public.

The Postoffice department is operated at a loss of some \$10,000,000 a year, while business men who have studied conditions contend that the extension of the rural free delivery system and other expenses of like character, should be made at least self-supporting.

The difficulty is due largely to the fact that the postmaster general is appointed on account of his political standing and not by reason of his business fitness for the management of the greatest business department of the government.

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not force Mr. Bryan out of the race or out of the leadership of his party until they have something to substitute except a group of factions, jealous of each other and agreed upon no one cardinal doctrine or principle that might furnish the groundwork for a reorganization and rejuvenation of the party.

THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

A forcible illustration of the fact that the democratic party is more purely sectional today than it has been since the civil war is furnished by the action of the democratic congressional committee in selecting its chairman and secretary from southern states.

RAILWAY METHODS AND REFORMS

Bright Sparks from the Hammer of a Railroad Manager. The general manager of a hotted road, who is obliged to take the dust of the special of the president of the trunk line has opportunities for observing the machinery of railroad methods, even though his range of vision is circumscribed.

Why do the two primordial rocks, Cambrian and Devonian, meet at an angle instead of the clinant condition, and then open up to allow the argillaceous shales, slates and basalt of the Palaeozoic to pass up through them? asks the New York World.

Congressman Boyd's Niborara bridge bill recalls the fact that Congressman Smith of Council Bluffs has secured a renewal of the Omaha bridge bill. It would be interesting to know just which one of the mighty combinations contending for control of Omaha's commerce is back of the Smith measure, which refuses to die.

The "Jims" and the "Jacks" are now cooling again, but no one knows better than the braves just where the hatchet handle protrudes from the grave. And the congressman-editor is content with the endorsement that does not endorse. Indeed, it's sweet to see the brethren dwell together in peace and harmony.

Carrie Nation says she proposes to stay in Mexico until she puts a stop to cigarette smoking in that country. As the Mexicans are inveterate smokers the job is apt to keep Mrs. Nation there for the rest of her life. Thought and hope are partners in this statement.

Nebraska statesmen are in demand as orators throughout the country. Senator Burkett is to speak in Boston and Superintendent McBrien in Chicago very shortly, thus advertising to the world that no one Nebraskan has a monopoly on the gift of gab.

Luther Burbank, having produced a spineless cactus and a seedless grape, is going to turn his attention to American corn. It is hoped that he can produce a variety that won't ache like the dickens at every change in the weather.

A suit to test the Nebraska anti-pass law may determine if that statute is technically correct, but it will not in any way alter the general attitude of public opinion toward the practice of pass bribery.

A New York paper says that "Wall street is finally warming up toward the president." The impression prevails that Wall street is not merely warming up, but is actually red-hot toward the president.

Dealers report that consumers are buying coal in unusually large quantities. The consumer evidently has a notion that spring is going to be as bashful as usual this year.

A Difference in Exercise. A Washington correspondent avers that President Roosevelt is fond of walking in a storm. People had gathered as much from the message; and also it seems from some of the squalls that his antagonists are not.

Speak Softly. To those who condemn the Italians indiscriminately because of Black Hand outrages we would respectfully recommend the "night riders" of Kentucky and Tennessee, who, presumably, are native born Americans.

Hitting Below the Belt. The latest effort to discredit the Rockefeller family by writing down John D. P. father fails to suit the popular notion of fair play. The public generally has no particular fondness for the game of hitting below the belt.

The Passing of Forsaker. If the Taft movement really has brought the influence of Forsaker in Ohio to an end, it will have done more than even the McKinley movement in that state and in the nation was able to accomplish. This, irrespective of whether Mr. Taft be nominated and elected or not.

A Condition that Needs Mending. The statement is made that it requires more than twice the time to complete a battleship in American yards that it does in British or Japanese yards. If that be so, it is the duty of the navy to make a big draft on international comity and request Great Britain to lend us some of her naval architects long enough to teach ours how to make a Dreadnaught with reasonable dispatch.

RISING TIDE OF HONESTY. Bank Embezzlements in 1907 and 1908. A little cloud has started up in Minnesota and the hearing adjourned to Chicago. They deny jurisdiction and deny they are common carriers. Possibly that is true, but before it ever laws will be passed punishing them there.

PERSONAL NOTES

The court that bravely defined sausage would have sat mute and baffled in the presence of hash. The ice trust men who were sent to jail in Toledo are reported to be having all the comforts of home during their incarceration.

Dictator Franco found that when it came to dictating which way the truculent populace should aim their guns he was not absolute. John C. Crockett, clerk of the supreme court of Iowa, who has just been chosen reading clerk of the United States senate, was for a number of years an actor.

Out in California a new Daniel on the bench has held that a pedestrian need not dodge an automobile. At the same time, there is reason for believing that no Californian will refrain from dodging merely because he is afraid of being charged with contempt of court.

Milton D. Purdy, known as the "chief trust buster," who will soon retire from the attorney general's office, has been a busy man ever since he left college. He graduated at the University of Minnesota in 1892, and was city attorney in Minneapolis until he entered the attorney general's office. It is said he will be appointed a federal circuit judge upon his retirement.

WHITTLED TO A POINT. "Well," said Mr. Shylate, for the fourth time, "I must be going." "What a queer delusion," replied Miss Patience Galloway, "you're really quite stationary."—Philadelphia Press.

"You always seem to be on the losing side at election time, George." "Yes, I generally have to eat crow." "Well, you've got to give him some latitude."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Jagway was on his way home, and in his nervous wandering from side to side he was using the entire width of the walk. "When fellow's in this condition," he muttered, "you've got to give him some latitude."—Chicago Tribune.

"Has the mine you invested in proved valuable?" "Should say so! The prospect keeps getting so much bigger that they are constantly needing more money for its adequate development."—Washington Star.

Methusalem grinned. "Just think how long after the war my widow will be in drawing a pension," he chuckled, "I'll be celebrating his eight hundred birthday."—New York Sun.

"Did you ever hear of a perfect man in your life?" "Yes—a man who had every virtue under the sun and no vices to speak of." "Had you any real proof of his existence?" "Well, I read it all on his tombstone."—Baltimore American.

A SONG FOR FEBRUARY. T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard. When the gusts of midwinter have whitened the gravels of the woods, and the beauty once brightened.

There is nothing of ill can befall me, Though all joys of my heart be denied me, When the winter sets very rapidly its face, And you sit by the settle beside me. It is June, it is June!

For the joy one fleet season hath taken Another is born, Through the woods, by the thrushes for saken, Hand cold and forlorn, And though voiceless the brooklet lies sleeping, Ice bound in the earth— Ah, the warmth and the music upleaping! At home, from the hearth!

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YOUNG MAN HAS NEW THEORY Human Life Seems Centered in Stomach. All Else Is Secondary. The immense success which has followed L. T. Cooper during the past year with his new preparation has exceeded anything of the kind ever before witnessed in most of the leading cities where the young man has introduced the medicine. Cooper has a novel theory. He believes that the human stomach is directly responsible for most diseases.

To quote his own words from an interview upon his arrival in an eastern city: "The average man or woman cannot be sick if the stomach is working properly. To be sure, there are diseases of a virulent nature, such as cancer, tuberculosis, diabetes, etc., which are organic, and are not traceable to the stomach, but even fevers can, in nine cases out of ten, be traced to something taken into the stomach. All of this half-acknowledged exhaustion that is now so common, is caused by the stomachic conditions, and it is because my remedy will and does regulate the stomach that I am meeting with such success."

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moneyed interests of Wall and Broad streets to accomplish their own ends, and what relief can we expect from the courts? The most that I have seen has been a conflict of jurisdiction between those of the states and nation and in every case the railroads have got the worst of it. We are reaping a harvest that our predecessors have sown, and the only relief from unjust drastic legislation will be by ourselves building up an intelligent and fair public sentiment. I doubt whether we can do that when the only glimpse the people get of the "throne" is a twinkle of the "tail lights" of the president's special.

BUSINESS METHODS AND REFORMS A Tribute to the Policies Advocated by the President. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The finest tribute President Roosevelt has yet received for his stirring up of the country against "predatory wealth" comes from Chairman E. H. Gary of the United States steel corporation, the largest industrial corporation in the world. He attended a banquet of the Illinois society of New York Friday night, having been made president of the society. Senator Hopkins and Congressman Boutwell of Illinois were present and made various remarks, the latter slightly remarking Mr. Roosevelt. Judge Gary immediately arose and said with great seriousness:

I want to state that the policy of the present administration, whether it be criticized or praised, whether its methods be regarded as satisfactory or unsatisfactory, has had a great and personal influence on you, president, who happens to occupy a position of great responsibility. In making this statement, I am not concerned with the reiteration of the oft-stated principles of the president of the United States to my belief, however I have done so responsibly toward the stockholders I represent, toward our competitors, toward business men and toward the public, and that our relations have been improved. I don't hesitate to make this confession. According to my mighty duties, I have done a better job and on a higher plane because of what I have referred to.

We are told that these remarks were received with "some" oohs, and that when Judge Gary proposed the health of President Roosevelt "there was a small cheer, but no great outburst." Under the circumstances, this does the Illinois society of New York mighty little credit. Are we to understand that most of its members do not want to see any improvement in business character and methods?

NO SYMPATHY WASTED. Downfall of the Ice King Unmoves the Multitude. Philadelphia Press.

When Charles W. Morse set out to corner the ice he sought a profit by making a necessity of life dear to all. No man will regret his fall. Such a plan was not only contrary to law but contrary to the consciences of men. It has failed at every point. The successive ice companies organized by Morse sought to control every source of supply for ice on the Atlantic coast and all the machinery for distribution in every large city. Capital was inordinately increased. Profits were to be made on this watered capital out of the dire necessities of the masses of our cities during the heat of summer.

These plans have all miserably failed and brought loss to all concerned, partly because some competition remained and still more because such competition as existed was protected by the prompt action of the law. In New York, in this city and in other places, the common law was set in motion and in the face of certain fine and imprisonment Morse's combinations to maintain the price of ice were abandoned.

Mr. A. C. Brock, chief of the Brock Restaurant, Market District, Boston, Mass., who is a staunch believer in Mr. Cooper's theory and medicine, has this to say: "I had chronic indigestion for over three years. I suffered terribly, and lost about fifty pounds. I was a physical wreck when I started this Cooper medicine, a month or so ago. Today I am as well as I ever was in my life. I am no longer nervous, my food does not distress me in the least, and I have a splendid appetite. I am gaining flesh very rapidly—in fact, at the rate of a pound a day. I would not believe any medicine on earth could have done for me what this has done. It is a remarkable preparation and Mr. Cooper deserves all his success."

We recommend the Cooper preparations as being remarkable medicines.—Beaton Drug Co.

Speaker Cole Freed of Charge. SALTSMITH, Feb. 11.—(By wire.)—Against Speaker John N. Cole of the Massachusetts representatives charging the names of the state by soliciting transportation below regular rates was quashed today.

The people are paying a little attention to the "Octopus Twins," viz. the Western Union Telegraph company and the Pullman company. As to the Western Union, the people are paying interest and dividends on something like 100 per cent water. In 1881 Gould got control and consolidated every wire in the country and injected \$40,000,000 water at one crack.

As to the Pullman company, like John Brown's soul, it has been marching off steadily from the time the Alton was sold all its platforms and ran the "Pullman" around all its tanks and coal chutes between Chicago and St. Louis. It has finally "gobbled it all," and paid enormous returns by overcharging the public and underpaying its overworked employees.

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