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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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

The Cannon presidential boom is using noiseless powder just now.

Cleveland has 3-cent street car fares and appears to be getting 1-cent service.

Governor Johnson is said to be a base ball enthusiast, but Colonel Bryan is onto his curves.

Base ball fielders are expected to be particularly active in the campaign for the extermination of flies.

The country will have to take care of itself this summer. Chancellor Day is going to Europe for a long rest.

A Kansas chief of police raided a gambling den and secured \$500. That's the only way to beat a gambling game.

The motto has been restored to the gold coin, but the coins have not been receded, not so you would notice them.

Judge Gray's friends say that he "is in the hands of destiny." Perhaps, but destiny does not control the delegates.

The Omaha bank clearings continue to show a comfortable increase over last year—a certain sign that business is steadily advancing.

Senator Bailey signaled his return to Washington by making an attack on the president. The "Roosevelt tuck" holds out.

Mr. Harriman is said to have a weakness for red neckties. That may account for his persistence in waving the danger signal.

"Are Merry Widow hats paid for by the yard or the piece?" asks a reader. Chances are that many of them are not paid for at all.

London Punch predicts that Mr. Bryan will be elected president this year. Still, some folks contend that Punch lever prints a good joke.

Other aspirants for the nomination at Chicago ought to hold a conference and select the man to move to make Mr. Taft's nomination by acclamation.

A southern base ball pitcher claims to have invented the "Merry Widow curve." He's mistaken. The Merry Widow curve was in evidence before Chadwick was born.

Congressman Leake of New Jersey is charged with having unwillingly given away some of the nation's naval secrets. A federal plumber should be put to work on Leake.

"Where is ex-Senator Billy Mason?" asks the Atlanta Georgian. No one is complaining over the fact that Mason has got out of the spotlight, so why drag him in again?

There were 28,000 more deaths than births in Paris last year. A new edition of the president's treatise on anti-race suicide should be printed for the special benefit of the Parisians.

Competition for the place left vacant by the death of Secretary Bennett of the State Board of Equalization is becoming active. It will be a mistake if this important position is filled by a man named purely for political expediency. The state of Nebraska has too much at interest in the matter to trust such important work to a mere politician.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY.

With the nomination of Mr. Taft as the republican candidate for president assured a month in advance of the Chicago convention, leaders of the party will naturally give more consideration to the selection of a suitable running mate for the war secretary, and the conditions happily are such as to make it possible for the convention to do a real service to the party and the country by the selection of a candidate for vice president who, if elected, will be a real help to the president and a factor in administration affairs.

It has become a custom, founded on usage, to use the vice presidential nomination to reward some element of the party or to placate another, taking geographical and other political considerations into account, with but little or no effort to consider the real presidential qualifications of the nominee. As a result of this custom, the vice presidential nomination, by both the great parties, has come to be looked upon as a shelving of the candidate and placing him in the ranks of outsiders, so far as active participation in administration affairs is concerned. Under the accepted practice, the vice president has less influence in administration affairs than a chief clerk in one of the departments. While he is nominally the presiding officer of the senate, even this service is usually left to a president pro tem, elected by the senators.

The duties of the president of the United States have grown so rapidly in the last decade that it would appear to be most desirable that the vice president should be chosen with a view to his active assistance in administration affairs. A vice president who is in full sympathy and accord with his chief, could relieve the president of a vast amount of more or less important work connected with the different branches of the government. He might, for instance, give his special attention to diplomatic affairs, to the Panama canal, or to any one feature of important work, reporting to his chief and greatly relieving the demands upon the time and attention of the chief magistrate. This could be done without any division of either authority or responsibility, but it would elevate the office of vice president above its present popular disfavor and result in a betterment of the public service. It would adapt to the government service the principle that is observed with such good results in corporation and private business organizations, where the vice presidents, or assistants under any title, have important duties and do effective work. The vice president should have a share and influence in the work of the administration instead of being limited to the duty of keeping posted as to the condition of the president's health.

THE COMING AIRSHIP.

The amused indifference with which Americans have been wont to regard the efforts of Prof. Alexander Graham Bell and other inventors who have been predicting the final and early triumph of the airship has received another shock by the success of the Wright brothers, who have been conducting a series of experiments with an aeroplane on a sandy spit of land on the North Carolina coast. The dirigibility of the balloon has been established for some years, but all efforts to produce a real "flying machine" have resulted almost as disastrously as that of Darius Green, who was a pioneer in that line of effort. The success of the Wright brothers, however, is a long step toward the accomplishment of the dream of inventors to navigate the air at will.

The Wright brothers have planned their faith to the aeroplane and have succeeded in flying at the rate of fifty miles an hour, facing heavy adverse winds and guiding the ship in any direction desired. There are two schools of experimentalists in this field. One clings to the gas bag, while the other insists that the permanent airship must be able to maintain itself in the air in spite of weight. The Wrights cling to the airship plan, and have modeled their ship after the sea gull, the habits of which they have studied on the North Carolina coast. They claim to have already made the most important achievement in the history of aerial navigation, and ask but a little more time to so perfect their invention that it may be made of actual and practical use. The world has almost gotten over the habit of wondering at any new achievements of science, but will take deep interest in the future development of the airship.

THE GARBAGE QUESTION.

Another of the perennial suits involving the right to dispose of dead animals in the city of Omaha is dragging its way through court. A private individual claims the exclusive privilege and is seeking to restrain other private individuals and the city as well from interfering with what he claims as his prerogative. It matters not what the immediate outcome of this case may be, the rights of the taxpayers will scarcely be conserved. This condition of affairs has prevailed in Omaha for many years and will as long as the present method of dealing with the garbage question remains. Experience of other and larger communities than Omaha has proven that but one satisfactory way is known and that is to take the matter entirely under the control of the municipality. When this is done and the service is properly administered the city is kept clean and there is no clash over the right to haul or dispose of the offal and rubbish that is an everlasting

source of contention when its disposition is made a matter for private profit.

The taxpayers must settle for the hauling of garbage sooner or later and it would be better for all if the matter were entirely controlled by the city and not allowed to be farmed out to private individuals or corporations.

NEED OF MORE REVENUE.

The cost of maintaining the American government and encouraging the development of different industries has grown immensely in the last few years and the provision of means to meet this increased expenditure will be one of the big problems that congress must face in the next few years. The democrats will, of course, during the coming campaign charge that the depletion of the government's enormous surplus is the result of republican extravagance, but the facts will not furnish warrant for the charge.

Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriations, which has the framing of all the big money bills of the government, has explained at length the necessity for economy in government expenditures, and his committee has reduced the estimates of the heads of the different departments by more than \$100,000,000, and yet the total exceeds the probable revenue by many millions of dollars. The demands for additional appropriations for the different branches of the service, the army, the navy, the Department of Commerce and Labor and the Department of Justice, which have had charge of the campaigns against looters of the nation's national resources, the forestry bureau and other branches of the service have become practically irresistible and the congress must meet them. The problem, then, is to devise some method of raising additional revenues without imposing new burdens on the general taxpayer. The problem is not partisan and would be as great for a democratic administration as for a republican one.

The treasury now has a surplus of about \$200,000,000, most of which is on deposit in the national banks, but indications are that this amount will be required to meet the excess of appropriations made by the present congress, so that the treasury will be down to positive needs by the end of the fiscal year in June, 1909. The condition may be relieved by the resumption of normal conditions in the export and import trade, but it is doubtful if this can be sufficient to make up the expected deficit. While the revenue question will not be dominant in the coming campaign—and perhaps it is better that it should not—it will be the paramount problem for consideration by the congress that will come into existence on March 4, 1909.

THE NATION'S POPULATION.

James J. Hill did most effective service at the governors' conference at Washington in calling attention, by striking facts and figures, to the imperative need of prompt and vigorous action for the conserving of the natural resources of the nation, but he apparently became too optimistic, or too pessimistic, in his prediction of what the population of the nation will be in 1950. In an effort to show the delegates to the conference that unless the waste and abuse of national resources were not checked the government would be cramped to support its people in forty-two years from date, Mr. Hill ventured the prediction that the population of the United States in 1950 would be at least 200,000,000. The records do not furnish warrant for Mr. Hill's prediction. The increase by birth and immigration kept a uniform ratio in this country from 1790 to 1810, when there was a decrease in immigration, which lowered the ratio. From 1820 to 1860 the rate of increase was about normal. Then came the war, which upset all calculations and destroyed precedents. After the war came a tide of immigration, and it was not until 1870 that the census showed the rate of increase in population had assumed about normal proportions. The census of 1900 showed that the population of the nation was about 25,000,000 less than it would have been had the birthrate of the first half century of the nation's life been maintained. It showed also that great as the immigration had been in the decade between 1890 and 1900 it was not so large, in proportion to the population, as it was a century ago.

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ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

Progress of the Campaign for Party Standard Bearer.

Table showing progress of campaign for party standard bearer with columns for candidates and their respective support.

STATE, ETC.

Table listing various states and their corresponding political or administrative information.

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FAIRPLAY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The following republican papers in the Fourth district are openly opposing the re-nomination of Congressman Hinshaw: The Fairplay Gazette, Hebron Journal, David City Banner, York Times and Uteka Sun.

SPRIT OF THE STATE PRESS.

Norfolk Press: The Press wishes to say right now, before saying so can be applied personally to anybody, that this paper will not support any candidate for the legislature who will not unambiguously make a pledge that he will not vote to repeal or annul any of the reform measures passed at the last legislative session.

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