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GEORGE E. TSCHUCK, Treasurer. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, 1908.

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 weather man will be forgiven if he will only let up.

A Washington barber has gone on the vaudeville stage. Yes, as a monologue artist.

Commander Perry is having as much trouble in finding \$50,000 as he had in finding the pole.

It is estimated that land on Wall street is worth \$30,000,000 an acre, in spite of the fact that it produced mighty slim crops last year.

The form of the fish-hook has not been changed in 200 years, says a sporting authority. Neither has the form of the fish, for that matter.

Senator La Follette is extremely popular in Chautauqua circles, but it is doubtful if he will try to talk nineteen hours to any assembly this summer.

It might be embarrassing if the silver mine owners were asked for a return of the \$288,000 they contributed to the democratic campaign fund in 1896.

It is said that King Manuel of Spain is unable to pay his butcher and grocer. The king is in position to sympathize with many of his loyal subjects.

The census bureau reports that 3,622,660 cords of wood were used in the United States last year. Every presidential candidate has a backyard full of sawdust.

Senator Stone has explained that he could not keep up the filibuster against the currency bill because he had to hurry back to Missouri to look after some Stone fences.

Senator Foraker will not attend the Chicago convention because, he says, it is not customary for candidates to attend conventions. The senator is still fond of his little joke.

Perhaps Mr. Ryan figured that Mr. Bryan would be a great man to have in the senate when a filibuster was on and a long-distance talker was needed to hold the floor for a week or two.

Mr. Bryan says emergency currency should be issued by the government and loaned to the banks. The idea is not new with Mr. Bryan. The greenbackers urged the same thing back in Horace Greeley's time.

Another land grabber has been sentenced in the Nebraska federal court in spite of his assertion that he violated no law. In these cases there is a wonderful difference of opinion between the defendant and the jurors.

The supreme court decides that a railroad relief association must really relieve. Heretofore the practice has been such that the relief association became merely a subterfuge whereby the railroad can escape responsibility to the injured employee.

A Connecticut town claims to have solved the tramp problem. Its citizens meet the tramps at the outskirts, thrash them soundly and then stone them a mile down the highway. The plan may cure the tramp nuisance all right, but it is the same spirit that rules the "Night Riders" in Kentucky and the mob everywhere.

REPUBLICANS AND THE TARIFF.

While the republican national committee is in session in Chicago and will be busily engaged until time for the convention on June 16 in hearing and passing upon contests in different sections of the country over the selection of delegates, it is generally admitted that the decision of the committee will not change the results already forecasted. Mr. Taft's nomination is assured and it is becoming more evident each day that Mr. Taft, in event of his nomination, proposes to dictate the tariff plank of the platform upon which he will make the race, and it is equally plain that it will be an unequivocal declaration for tariff reform.

An effort will doubtless be made by some of the reactionaries to secure the adoption of a tariff plank that will be sufficiently indefinite in its terms to excuse prompt action by the next congress. On that proposition Mr. Taft's position is well understood. As early as in October, 1905, in a speech at Bath, Me., the secretary declared in favor of an early revision and reform of the tariff schedules. In his address at Columbus, O., in opening his presidential campaign, he stated his position on tariff revision with entire definiteness and the Ohio platform, as well as the platforms adopted by republicans in other states whose delegates have been pledged to Mr. Taft's support, have followed his lead. He believes that the republicans should go forward the country with a straightforward expression of their intentions coupled with a pledge that tariff revision should be made the sole subject for consideration and action at a special session of the next congress, to be called immediately after March 4, 1909. The Ohio plank on the tariff question demands:

A revision of the tariff by a special session of the next congress, insuring the maintenance of the true principle of protection by imposing such customs duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit, to the producer, without excessive duties, American manufacturers, farmers, producers and wage earners may have adequate protection.

It is perhaps significant that the states which have endorsed Mr. Taft have adopted platforms determined and specific in demands for tariff revision, while the states controlled by some of the other candidates have been indefinite or uncertain in their platform utterances on the tariff question.

The Chicago platform will endorse President Roosevelt's policies, whoever the nominee may be, but the tariff plank, if Mr. Taft is nominated, will be the declaration of a Taft policy. President Roosevelt has never given much attention to tariff problems, considering railway rate regulation and some other matters he has urged as being of more immediate importance, and Mr. Taft is the only republican aspirant for the nomination who has made his position clear and emphatic in favor of tariff reform and immediate tariff revision. His nomination will mean a tariff plank that will be mandatory upon the republicans in the next congress.

THE RULER OF THE NAVY. Landlubbers may not understand, or wish to understand, the code of procedure followed in operating the Navy department, but they can not fail to find interest in a condition which has made it necessary for the secretary of the navy at Washington to issue a formal order making it known that he is going to boss the job. It is labeled as General Order No. 66, and is as follows:

Hereafter all orders issued by the secretary or assistant secretary of the navy direct to any commandant or other officer in the naval service shall be executed and the officer to whom such order is issued shall promptly notify the bureau or senior officer concerned of its receipt and execution.

Victor Howard Metcalf of California may prove himself too valuable to the country to be kept in a mere cabinet position if he succeeds in convincing the bureau chiefs at Washington that the secretary of the navy has any right to meddle with naval affairs. It has long been the custom to have the orders of the secretary of the navy sent to the bureau chief in charge of that particular line of work. If it was approved by the chief, it was executed all right. If the chief of the bureau frowned, the rest of the force took it for granted that the order was to be forgotten. The bureau chiefs have heretofore permitted secretaries of the navy to do pretty much as they pleased, outside the Navy department. They have been allowed to attend cabinet meetings, banquets, receptions and other social functions and to have reserved seats at the launchings of the new warships and at the annual football game between the army and navy cadets. So long as a civilian secretary of the navy keeps within those limits of activity he gets along swimmingly, but trouble always follows if he attempts to interfere in the matters of his own department.

cal nature that it is doubtful if any civilian is competent to give important orders in the naval service, and the bureau officials have taken every advantage of this fact to strengthen their own grasp of affairs in the department.

Secretary Metcalf has one advantage in his new fight. While he may be incapable of framing service orders, he has power to call to his assistance some officer of the line familiar with all the details and willing to give his chief undivided loyalty. In this way he may stop the rivalry and quarrelling of the bureau chiefs and take charge of the details of his department, as do the heads of the other executive departments of the government. The innovation is not liked and is certain to cause a lot of rattling of dry bones. It may have a salutary effect, but the chances are that the improvement will not be lasting. The next secretary of the navy may prefer banquets to business. It's easier and less nerve-racking.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD.

Governor Sheldon is about to be called upon to name an appointee to the normal school board to succeed a member whose term is expiring and who is not seeking re-appointment, and the pressure for the place promises to be strong.

Without discussing the merits or demerits of any of the different aspirants, The Bee ventures to suggest that the place should be filled without respect to supposed preferences of the avowed friends of either of the two normal schools which the state maintains, as has been too often the case in the past, but that the sole considerations should rest upon a combination of personal integrity, business experience and educational qualifications.

From one point of view the two normal schools are business institutions, which require business ability for their management. There should be no competition between them, except competition to do the best possible work most economically and to turn out the best equipped teacher's talent. These two normal schools are year by year becoming more and more important parts of our general educational system on whose efficiency depends in a large part the efficiency of all our public schools because they draw their teachers from the normal schools.

The board, which is charged with responsible supervision of the state's normal schools, can pursue either a broad-gauged or a narrow policy. The way to make sure of a broad-gauged policy is to put broad-gauged men on the board.

The Omaha police have succeeded in running down and convicting another really dangerous criminal, but it is not likely they will be given any credit for this by the element that is so loudly denouncing the commissioners and the police force. It is to the credit of the commissioners and the men under them that they can patiently pursue the work of protecting lives and property in the city while being subjected to such an irritating and useless fire of malicious criticism.

The government of China has promulgated a law prohibiting the newspaper publication of "certain legal proceedings, matters relating to diplomatic, army and navy affairs, secret memorials or decrees, anything reflecting on the throne or calculated to disturb the order and stability of the government or tending to lower the moral standard of the people." What interesting publications the Chinese papers will be if the law is obeyed!

The power of the excise board to control the location as well as the number of saloons under its jurisdiction is affirmed by the supreme court of the state. This decision is important in that it further extends the application of the police power. As the already efficient law of Nebraska is supported by such sound decisions of the court the need for prohibition in the state becomes less and less.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

The equilibrium of Europe is trembling on the balance. Bureaus of buffer states, upheld by the political necessities of neighboring empires, are showing a disposition to kick over the traces and smash the dashboard. The shah of Persia is absorbing copious quantities of home-made booze, an article said to surpass Jersey apple-jack in producing that tired feeling. Having but few lucid moments, it is extremely difficult for European diplomats to convince him of the error of his drinks, and it may be necessary to import an international policeman to await him good and plenty. The sultan of Turkey is indisposed to accept all the gratuitous advice handed to him regularly, and is acting up in a way calculated to produce a shower of ultimatums. More aggravating than this precious pair of harem bosses are the scrapping rivals for the sultanate of Morocco. Abdul-Aziz, the reigning sultan, is barely able to keep outside the gates of Fez the blood-thirsty guerrillas of Sultan Hafid, while the French troops are fattening cimeteries with the stragglers of the latter. The situation in itself would be a warm one without the summer temperature of the tropics. If Bulgaria and Armenia would now butt in, the concert of Europe would be in full blast.

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the trip of the battle fleet find a parallel in it. The German method is open and avowed, systematic to a degree, and effective beyond expectation. From a small number of naval enthusiasts the German Naval league has grown to an organized body of 1,000,000 members. The league gives lectures and picture shows in towns and cities, and takes teachers and scholars on trips to seaports. By this means it has aroused widespread enthusiasm for the imperial naval program, and has effectively spiked the guns of politicians opposed to the formidable sea-power plans of Emperor William.

The last of the iniquitous coercion acts with which the history of English rule in Ireland is redolent has been condemned by the popular branch of Parliament. A bill for its repeal passed the House of Commons by a majority of 124. Whether the House of Lords will vote for repeal remains to be seen. The act in question was passed twenty-one years ago, while all Britain was celebrating the Victorian golden jubilee and was the offspring of the Piggott forgeries sprung by the London Times for the deliberate purpose of fastening the crime of assassination on Charles Stewart Parnell and his associates. The utter failure of the Times attack is familiar history. With the probable repeal of the act born of such infamy it is instructive to note, as an act of retribution, that the hour of Parnell's triumph marked the decline of the Times and hastened its descent into the financial mire.

A reminder of the Franco-German war of 1871 was the unveiling recently of the Bismarck monument at Frankfurt-on-the-Main commemorating the twenty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the treaty of peace. The monument was designed by the late Prof. Siemering and was executed by his pupils. It represents the iron chancellor in the uniform of a cuirassier helping Germany to mount a charger. At the base of the monument are the names of the German states. "Let us but place the German empire in the saddle—it will ride of itself."

SMILING REMARKS.

"Your friend Little tells me he's got his wife pretty thoroughly trained now." "Yes, he's got her trained so that he can fasten the crime of anything she wants to do."—Philadelphia Press.

"Ought we not to do something for the preservation of our forests?" "Oh, what's the use?" answered Senator Sorghum, impatiently. "Trees can't vote."—Washington Star.

"What's this?" demanded the puzzled critic, reading the manuscript. "Go 'long wid ye or O'Jill give you a punch mit der nose yet already. What sort of language is that to put in the mouth of your hero?" "That's the most novel feature of my book," replied the young author. "You see, the hero's father was Irish and his mother German."—Philadelphia Press.

Caller—"I'm very anxious to see Mr. Wounds. When will he be at home?" "Never tells me that." "Caller—"I beg pardon, I thought you were Mrs. Wounds." The Lady—"So I am."—Philadelphia Press.

"I have come," said the Fashion Reporter, "to interview you on the current topic." "What do you wish especially to know?" asked the Fashionable Dressmaker. "Will the new dress skirt be trimmed with knife platings?"—Baltimore American.

"Your son tells me he is going to take lessons to cultivate his memory." "I hope not," answered Farmer Cornsloss; "he can remember every fool tune that was ever whistled."—Washington Star.

Nan—"So you like Archie, do you? I always thought him just the least bit effeminate." "Well, he's certainly a good deal more ladylike than you are."—Chicago Tribune.

POLITE PREVARICATORS.

Chicago Record-Herald. When you hear a politician say he longs to quit the strife And in banking for nothing more than peaceful private life, Do not waste a moment's sighing. He is just politely lying. And your sympathy would only make him agree.

If he isn't re-elected He'll sit around dejected Till he gets a chance to wriggle in once more.

When you hear a rich man saying that his money is a care, That he'd rather be a pauper than a multimillionaire, Don't believe what he is stating. He is just prevaricating. And does not deserve the pity he demands. You would see him darkly scowling And could hear him sadly howling If he had to earn his living with his hands.

When you hear a wealthy mother say she does not wish her girl To be wedded to a worthless little duke or a gollish Jew, Do not foolishly believe her. Or imagine it would grieve her. Her darling should at once go title-mad. To deliver her fair daughter To some ass across the water Is the dearest plan that she has ever had.

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After Botticelli is a story of a soulful girl and a young business man who didn't know whether a Botticelli was a cheese or a 'cello.

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