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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.

August 12 will be a Read Letter day for Lincoln.

Hot weather and political heat do not mix well together.

Candidate Sherman's smile and side-whiskers refuse to come off.

Chairman Mack is all right, except that he has the Buffalo sign on him.

Chairman Hitchcock has red hair and most of his opponents are also red-headed.

The director's gown, in addition to being open at the side, is being ripped up the back.

Mayor Jim evidently has not much influence with the democratic members of his city council.

Dr. Bogy is a candidate for office in St. Louis. The golf vote will naturally try to beat him.

Railroad men suspect that Mr. Harman is arranging some terminal facilities for Mr. Gould.

Chickens are now being hatched by electricity. In other words, the eggs are going home to dynamo.

Those motor cycles need no gongs nor horns, but they ought to be compelled to carry lights after dark.

Mr. Harriman's Omaha interview is chiefly significant for what he did not say about further improvements.

Primaries to the right of us and primaries to the left of us and we will have primaries right at home a month hence.

"The stars sing in union," says a southern paper. The comet is perhaps the walking delegate of the stellar union.

The new editor of the Commoner has not yet been able to find space for a detailed account of the Hearst convention.

The political speeches that are being ground out of phonographs will naturally come under the head of sound advice.

Forty-six cannon shots will start the ceremonies at Lincoln next Wednesday and will be followed by noises from other big guns.

Mr. Bryan will make no effort to bolt down his speech of acceptance. He will be satisfied if he can keep it from boiling over.

The Ten Commandments have been incorporated in a campaign document. Just another proof that politics makes strange bedfellows.

"New York is making goo-goo eyes at Mr. Bryan," says the Memphis Appeal. On the contrary, New York is still making goo-goo eyes at Mr. Bryan.

A St. Louis man has asked the courts to prevent his wife from talking. That man must have an exaggerated idea of the power of the courts.

The sultan of Turkey has granted amnesty to all political offenders. Colonel Bryan should be as magnanimous and grant amnesty to Colonel Guffey.

Speaking of names, we take pleasure in introducing to the visiting list Mr. Drinkwine, who dines—a sprinkling cart at Kewanee, Ill.

BRYAN, WATSON AND POPULISM.

In the clash of trenchant pens between the redoubtable Colonel Watson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and the fiery Tom Watson, candidate of the people's party for president of the United States, some sparks of truth about populism and Mr. Bryan's connection with its organization are being thrown forth that are worthy of preservation.

Mr. Watson is very much in earnest. He feels that his old college chum and political bed-fellow, Mr. Bryan of Nebraska, has deserted the principles for which they shed ink and oratory in two memorable campaigns and should no longer be countenanced by the true friends of populism.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan claimed to be as good a populist as Watson. For eight years he wore every shred of clothing which populism had in its wardrobe.

Doubleless Judge Parker would agree with the first part of this statement, even if disposed to charge Mr. Watson with exaggeration of the enthusiasm displayed by Mr. Bryan in support of the democratic candidate in 1904.

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perfect accord with reports that have been printed from time to time of the general betterment of business and industrial conditions in the east.

Practically all the railroad men have been returned to work and the big steel mills are working their forces to 75 per cent of their capacity.

In the textile mills in New England nearly 80 per cent of the forces are employed and improvement is being noted in all lines, in spite of the usual mid-summer dullness.

Improvement is also reported throughout the south, while from the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast the farm labor supply is unequal to the demand.

TOO MUCH HORSE PLAY.

Mayor Jim and the democratic city councilmen are indulging in altogether too much horse play on the matter of the city tax levy for the coming year.

The council in committee of the whole decided to keep the tax budget \$50,000 below the charter maximum and then in regular session the next day voted to put it up to the very top notch.

The maximum amount of \$1,150,000 had never before been raised by taxation but once, that being for the present year, with the excuse that the various city funds had been depleted and needed work held over, entailing unusual expenditures.

When the big tax levy came up to the mayor he vetoed it, insisting that it should be reduced not only by the \$50,000 which the council had added, but also by a very substantial additional sum representing outlays incurred this year, which would not have to be repeated next year.

The mayor's veto was sustained on formal vote, but only to be overridden the next moment by a resolution re-imposing the same maximum tax levy.

If this levy now becomes effective by approval of the acting mayor, who as councilman voted for it, the horse play will be able to point to his unsuccessful effort to reduce the tax levy and each councilman will be able to boast having voted both for it and against it.

But when the taxpayers come to foot the bills they will not see the joke.

Mr. Bryan was very much pleased over the decision of Secretary of State Junkin concerning the fusion arranged last spring by the democrats and the people's party.

This will have the effect of throwing a large number of populist votes to the democratic electors of Nebraska.—World-Herald.

This is just what the Bryanite lawyers denied at the hearing before the secretary of state. They denied that the use of the stolen party label would give the Bryan electors the vote of a single man who would not vote for Bryan, anyway.

Now that the decision has been won they openly boast that "a large number of populist votes" are to be purloined for the democratic presidential electors in Nebraska.

Tom Watson proposes to capture the electoral vote of Georgia and turn it over to Mr. Bryan, if the deal would secure Mr. Bryan's election.

Mr. Bryan will, of course, promise to do the same thing with the demo-pop electoral vote of Nebraska if it would elect Watson. What is political honor among friends?

The death of Senator Allison nullifies the effect of the primary election, which turned almost wholly upon the question of who should represent Iowa in the senate.

There are some things which no primary law can provide against.

The Minneapolis Journal says that while Mr. Bryan may capture the Ak-Sar-Ben vote, he is almost certain to lose the Kro-Wen vote.

Yes, and also the An-Aid-Ni, the Sio-Nil-Li and the Nis-Noc-Siw vote.

It is rich to hear the Bryanite organ talk about campaign tricks and in the same breath apologize for a double-shuffe electoral ticket which Nebraska democrats have put up in order to trick the populists.

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, should at least have the decency now to withdraw the charge that Secretary of State Junkin is a "prejudiced judge," but will it?

An American consul reports that no hunter is allowed to take more than two elephants out of Africa in one year. Well, two elephants are about all the average hunter would want to carry.

The suggestion is respectfully ventured that the immediate compulsory purchase of the water works by the city is not a very good issue to force on the people for this campaign.

Mr. Hearst admits that he does not expect to elect his ticket, but he has a notion that he will make it impossible for one of his old-time dear friends to elect his ticket.

The extra set of populist presidential electors filed by Brother-in-Law Tom at the eleventh hour in response to a hurry call may expect a release order.

"What is the surest way of committing suicide?" asks a correspondent. Can't say, but trying to nominate Bryan in a Hearst convention is recommended as something equally as good.

In Equal Parts. Chicago Record-Herald. As Messrs. Taft and Bryan have decided not to make any personal attacks on each other, there is likely to be a division of the mollycoddle vote.

Seasonable Competition. Chicago Tribune. The invention of that new gun which discharges 50,000 shots in a minute was inevitable. Something had to be done to meet the

competition of the manufacturers of those deadly explosives that make our Fourth of July celebrations so glorious.

Can't Make It Unanimous. Washington Herald.

Japan announces that it is not looking for trouble. Nobody appears to be looking for trouble with Japan, either—except, of course, Captain Hobson.

Rewards of Merit.

Indianapolis News. Mr. Bryan has been made an honorary member of Lincoln Typographical union No. 208, and Chairman Hitchcock is preparing to hand him Slug 3.

Short-Lived Booms.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. Bryan's notification exercises will begin with forty-six guns, which is one gun for each of the states that the Bryan boomers always carry in August.

Lead Call for Cowboy Jim.

New York Sun. Mr. Bryan called to keep away from the enemy's country. He has promised to make some speeches here, but New York pines for a stranger voice. Cowboy Jim Dahlman is the vision and desire for which she waits.

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ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

Some Reflections on Democratic Rain-bow Chasing. Madison (Wis.) Democrat (dem.). Mr. Bryan will come nearer being elected than he ever came before, yet in all likelihood will not be defeated. Just pause a moment and ask: How?

Can he carry Wisconsin? If not, then can he carry any state of the middle west? Viewing conditions and possibilities with the calmest of understanding, it is not easy to imagine that he can successfully invade the section. There really is nothing to indicate such an eventuality.

Then, how about New York? Rarely has that state failed the republicans when a full vote is out—and of course it will be out the coming fall. No condition exists which renders the political situation this year different from its character four years ago.

Mr. Bryan has abandoned the free silver here, but is yet regarded by capital—that means banking, railroading, merchandising, contracting, factoring and all else wherein volumes of money are needed—with a suspicion that perhaps never can be allayed.

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PURLOINING VOTES FOR BRYAN.

Kansas City Star: Mr. Rosewater of Omaha is considerably exercised because Bryan is trying to capture the populist vote in Nebraska.

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune: If, as Mr. Rosewater charges, there are certain complications of doubtful morality concerning the democrats and populists in Nebraska, it is not clear how they can justify them on the ground that there is no chance for Tom Watson to be elected, anyhow.

Chicago News: Mr. Bryan's effort to capture the populist vote of Nebraska and the conservative vote of the east with the same apparent attempt to fool people, rules of the game and should not be rebuked. A candidate is allowed to carry around a certain amount of water on his shoulders.

Buffalo Express: Some of the Nebraska delegates to the convention of the people's party bolted when they saw that the convention would endorse Bryan. Instead of joining the democratic party, however, these bolters are trying to put the democratic candidates for presidential electors under an independent ticket.

World-Herald: The World-Herald ridicules Victor Rosewater's open letter to W. J. Bryan adjuring him by the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," to discontinue the attempted democratic theft of Watson electors in Nebraska.

There is, of course, a purely legal side to the proceeding which the World-Herald ignores, and adds its justification based on the bold assumption that "practically without exception every member of the people's independent party in this state desire to vote for Bryan."

Mr. Meyer concludes: "There is, in fact, a wide zone in which the president must act on his own judgment, and here he ought to have the aid of intelligent, conscientious and faithful advisers."

THE TWILIGHT ZONE. Boston Herald (rep.). Mr. Bryan's description of the "twilight zone" of the presidency is notably pertinent in this campaign.

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POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS. Probability of Their Establishment by Next Session of Congress. The postmaster general, in an article on "Postal Savings Banks" in the August number of the North American Review, outlines the advantages which would accrue to the country from the establishment of such institutions.

In a general way they would deposit for the dime that would otherwise "burn a hole in the pocket" of the wage earner. Nor would they interfere with the business of other savings banks, since the interest they would pay on deposits would be much lower than the ordinary savings bank pays.

"I confidently believe that a postal savings bank law will be enacted at the next session of congress, and I have had assurance from more than a majority of the senators that they will support the measure. The bill has been set for debate on December 14, and Senator Carter, who has charge of the measure, has every belief that it will pass. It was unanimously reported favorably by the senate committee on postoffices and post roads. The republican national convention has just declared in its favor in the party platform. The postoffice department looks for speedy action on the part of the house, because the people are demanding it, as they have a right to do, and as the proposition is better understood opposition ceases."

"I desire to repeat that, while postal banks are primarily in the interest of the wage-earner, they also are mutually beneficial to labor and capital, and prevent the hoarding of money throughout the country."

CLAIM IN IMMIGRATION. Philadelphia Inquirer. There seems no doubt that we are on the verge of a revival of business—that it has already begun; but there are plenty of people in this country at present for all necessary activities. This is a land of opportunity, but not one where every arrival may make a fortune. It is lamentable that there are able to assimilate the millions who have remained. The next wave of immigration should go to the south or the west. The country east of the Mississippi is pretty well provided with population for the present.

WATCHING AN EXPERIMENT. New York World. Attorney General Bonaparte warns national banks in Oklahoma that they cannot legally join in the guarantee-of-deposits scheme contemplated in the new constitution. If congress were to authorize such action it would become legal but untenable. Just as well wait and see how the fifty-seven varieties of government experiment in the Oklahoma constitution work in practice.

WILLING TO FORTNITE. Chicago News. One of the things the Standard Oil company would like to know is why the government cannot let bygone be bygone, especially as regards \$20,000,000 fines.

BACK TO THE SOIL.

Men Returning to the Country from the Cities. Pittsburg Post. About twenty years ago, and for a number of years following, there was a marked exodus of young men and boys from the country to the city.

The reaction has set in, and now there is a generous return to buccle life. The man who has spent a score or more of years in a city and has amassed a competence finds himself yearning for communion with country scenes.

When the exodus from the farm began, students of politico-economic subjects racked their brains for a logical deduction as to the probable result. Time has brought the solution. The cities were, in the main, builded by men who were born in the country—who began life on the farm or in the cross-roads grocery.

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