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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.

Only ten days until oysters are ripe. The hammock is getting ready for its last nap.

Mr. Bryan shows how difficult it is for a free trader to travel incog.

The charter revision committee may propose, but the legislature will dispose.

"Has America a model city?" asks a reader. Certainly, but it is not Springfield, Ill.

Southern yarn spinners are on a strike, while northern yarn spinners are on the stump.

Brazil officials insist that they have good grounds for trying to negotiate a heavy coffee loan.

As a maker of axle grease Mr. Hagen need not look for the support of the boarding house vote.

"There is no place like Chicago," says the News of that city. Do not hear any other place complaining.

If Colonel Guffey has congratulated Mr. Bryan on his speech of acceptance both of them are keeping quiet about it.

According to a new city directory St. Louis has 750,000 persons entitled to the sympathy of the rest of the country.

Indian experts have decided what sausage is made of, but they should keep the truth from Dr. Wiley as long as possible.

The democratic party might make progress on the tariff question if it paid more attention to markets and less to maxima.

It is now claimed by scientists that cheese was used in 350 B. C. Some still on the market must have been left over from that time.

"Joe Bristow speaks the Kansas language," writes Walt Mason. Aside from that, very little can be said against Mr. Bristow.

"Fighting Bob" Evans has retired, but there is no certainty that he would stay in retirement if there should be any fighting to be done.

Contributions of 30 cents to the Bryan fund will be a little slow as long as a clean straw hat can be bought for only twice that amount.

The rapid return of prosperity is predicted. In a case of that kind all laws and ordinances fixing a maximum speed limit will be suspended.

Our amiable democratic contemporary, the World-Herald, will now proceed to take back all the mean things it has said about Governor Johnson of Minnesota.

According to a carefully kept ledger Omaha's "marrying preacher" has collected just \$10,000 for officiating at 1,668 wedding ceremonies. Talk about monopolies and trusts!

Mr. Bryan is expressing no joy over the support of the Cincinnati Enquirer, which says he is getting weaker every day, or of the New York Herald, which declares:

Even Mr. Bryan's most serious blemish, namely, that he is a demagogue of the extreme type, may not be after all a very great handicap.

BRYAN ON THE TARIFF QUESTION.

The tariff question has been an issue between political parties in this country almost from the birth of the republic. It is a question leaving room for honest difference of opinion and on which much can be said on both sides.

Mr. Bryan's latest tariff speech bald, lame and blind. Instead of elucidating the opposing attitudes of the two great political parties in their tariff plank, he simply adds confusion and invites criticism of his own views.

In the first place, while essentially a free trader, Mr. Bryan tries to disguise himself as the advocate of a "tariff reform" and as proposing a "tariff for revenue" in order not to antagonize the American working man, who has time and again rejected free trade.

As a tariff law interferes with the natural laws of trade, one who proposes a protective tariff takes upon himself the burden of proof to show, etc.

Of course, if a tariff law "interferes with the natural laws of trade," it can make no difference what kind of a tariff law it may be, and the same burden of proof would rest upon the advocate of a revenue tariff as upon the advocate of a protective tariff.

Mr. Bryan's idea is that free trade is the edict of natural law and that the least possible interference with trade is evidence of the best government.

His ideal is free trade and his revenue tariff merely a half-way station. Mr. Bryan distinguishes between the positions of the two great parties on the subject of the tariff as follows:

The democratic party regards a tariff law as a revenue law, the protection it gives being incidental; the republican party regards the tariff law as formed primarily for protection, the revenue being incidental.

Accepting this definition for the sake of argument, where does it leave Mr. Bryan and his party? Only four years ago in their national platform the democrats declared, "We denounce protection as a robbery of the many to enrich the few."

If protection is robbery, it is robbery no matter whether much or little is stolen, and Mr. Bryan's "tariff for revenue with incidental protection" would be at best petty larceny instead of grand larceny.

The overwhelming repudiation of the democratic candidate and platform in 1904 registered the refusal of the people to believe that a tariff for protection is robbery, and the people surely do not regard it as robbery now any more than they did four years ago.

The reference to putting wood pulp and lumber on the free list declares it "absurd" to complain of the exhaustion of our forests while we encourage their destruction by a tariff on products of foreign forests.

regularly made the successor of his chief at the expiration of the latter's time we would have an endless chain which would never let the nomination get outside of the office.

At the same time the mere fact that a man has been serving as a deputy in a state office should not disqualify him from aspiring to further public favor.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

John W. Kern, the patriarch of the bunch, is the only candidate awaiting the official word. "Yes, Ohio is a doubtful state this year," declares the Toledo Blade.

The Cincinnati Enquirer maintains a straight editorial pose on the political fence, but the news headlines are working heavy guns on both sides.

The democratic national committee is floundering in money. A balance of \$41,000 of the Denver convention fund has been turned into the treasury. Just like finding it.

Colonel John C. Kern, a wheel-horse of Missouri republicanism, has jumped into the political arena as a candidate for United States senator to succeed Gurnshaw Bill Stone.

Announcement has not yet been made of the extent of Colonel Wetmore's contribution to the 1908 campaign fund of the democratic party. Strong efforts are being made to hold him within the \$10,000 limit.

The "Showman" of the democratic party in Missouri showed 'em to a show down at Kansas City by voting several thousand dead men at the late primaries.

The first thing that Colonel Watterson, as chief of the democratic literary bureau, does is to send out the illuminating intelligence that there is not a single newspaper in New York City giving Bryan cordial support.

A remarkable "straw" vote, favoring the candidacy of Mr. Taft, is furnished by the Potts family of Mishawaka, Ind. William Potts of that place, his three brothers, nine sons and seventeen nephews (thirty men), will all vote for the republican party's nominee.

The suggestion of a "popular dollar" campaign fund, made early in the Bryan campaign and quickly followed by a Macedonian cry for more dollars, has not met with the success so brilliant an idea seemed to warrant.

It has been urged that this was to be a campaign of cheerful and honest contribution, a poor man's campaign, a campaign of love and \$1 contributions.

LAUGHING GAS.

The Hat Lining looked down with disdain on the Under Waist. "You're not in it with me in this show," said the former, proudly. "I am a headliner."—Baltimore American.

"When these aeronaufs fly through the air, who's going to arrest 'em for speeding?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sloum—Curious fact that Boxley, the nose ball pitcher, has taken up, isn't it? He's building an airplane.

"She used to send out her second daughter to match things, and the girl is hopelessly color blind."—Baltimore American.

"And haven't you ever taken a ride in an automobile?" asked the man with the new machine, pityingly.

The Doctor—I expected to go out of town next Saturday, as usual, to spend Sunday with my family in the country, but professional duties forbid. The fates are against me.

A BIT OF A RIDDLE. T. A. Daly in Catholic Standard. Three for you, Kitty Kane, as you said. Let's see a kind o' riddle, a plague o' shure, I know of but wan compination that's in it. Jish't wan thing that's so sweet it makes up fur the rest. It begins wid a "y" an' it ends wid a "u". You may pucker yer brow, that's as An', besides, don't ye see, 'tis but my point o' view; You must work out your riddle o' life fur yerself.

Oh! the bothersome riddle! I wonder now whether I should combine? We could make our luck better if we Fate's thinking 'd jish't put our two heads together. We could spell in wan word all our joy dear, an' mine. It begins wid a "u" an' it ends wid an "s". There's the sum o' my joy an' the sum o' yer own! Oh! the riddle o' life's so distressin' to guess. Nayther wan of us, dear, could have solved it alone.

MIDWEST LIFE ITEMS First mortgages on real estate are regarded as the very best investment. A life insurance company can make. The Midwest Life of Lincoln has a greater percentage of its assets invested in such securities than any other company in the United States.

J. H. Mockett, Jr., assistant superintendent of agents of the Midwest Life, is a candidate for the nomination as one of the State Senators for Lancaster County at the Republican Primary to be held September first. Mr. Mockett has served one term as State Senator and two terms as Representative, the last term being Speaker of the House.

Raising the Wind. Here's an example of our mid-summer price revisions: Any Straw Hat in the house... 50c. Children's Wash Suits at half price. \$3.00 and \$2.50 Negligee Shirts now... \$2.25. \$2.00 and \$2.50 Negligee Shirts now... \$1.65. \$1.50 Negligee Shirt now... \$1.15. All our light weight clothing 20% Off. Browning, King & Company. R. S. WILCOX, Manager.