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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.

The base ball bunch will forthwith make way for the foot ball heroes. This is the day for the Elkins-Abruzzi wedding to be declared off.

Turkey shows up every morning and reports the loss of a few more feathers. Anyway, Nevada deserves some credit for refusing to grant divorces by mail.

"A candidate should not speak from his throat," advises a doctor. No, he should talk from his heart.

It appears that The Hague peace conferences produce splendid results so long as none of the powers want to fight.

AMENITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN. A few weeks ago the editor of The Bee addressed to Mr. Bryan several uncomfortable questions which he evaded, answering by saying that he would take no notice of them because the questioner merely wanted to attract attention.

1. You, Mr. Bryan, are making much of democratic friendship for labor. Why is it that practically no legislation to protect labor has been enacted in the southern states in which democrats have absolute control?

2. You, Mr. Bryan, are trying to make your paramount issue, "Shall the people rule?" The most advanced step toward popular rule has been through the direct primary. Why is it, Mr. Bryan, that your fusion friends when in complete control did not give Nebraska a direct primary law?

3. You, Mr. Bryan, are bidding for office on your anti-trust remedies. Why is it that all the effective legislation against illegal combinations has been enacted by republican congresses and for the most part by republican state legislatures, while the democratic states have no effective anti-trust legislation?

4. You, Mr. Bryan, are bidding for labor votes by promising to abolish the writ of injunction in labor disputes. Do you not know that injunction abuses have been chargeable as much to state courts as to federal courts?

5. You, Mr. Bryan, are bidding for votes on your scheme of bank deposit guaranty. Oklahoma is the only state that has such a law on its statute books. Why have none of the other democratic states enacted deposit guaranty laws?

6. You, Mr. Bryan, are trying to make much of the popular election of United States senators. We have the statement of Mr. Tibbles, made three years ago, that a large sum of money, said to be \$15,000 or \$20,000, was contributed by "Ryan, Belmont & Co."

7. You, Mr. Bryan, are making much of publicity of campaign contributions. Nebraska has a campaign publicity law, but it was enacted, as you know, by a republican legislature after your fusion state administration had failed to pass such a law.

8. Finally, Mr. Bryan, will you please tell us why you keep up the dishonest fusion masquerade in Nebraska? Why do you permit your democratic presidential electors to be misbranded on the official ballot as populists?

These questions may not all be equally weighty, but your frank and unequivocal answers to them would add to the amenities of the campaign.

REPUBLICAN REGISTRATION GAINS. In the conflicting claims of strength in New York by both political parties it is refreshing to find a tangible basis for intelligent estimate of the change, if any exists, in political sentiment furnished in the registration reports for New York City.

The total registration of the five boroughs in greater New York is 682,905, a gain of about 20,000 over 1906, when Governor Hughes was elected, but a loss of about 5,000 from the 1904 registration. The figures show a net gain of 9,800 in the Manhattan districts which are admittedly republican and a net loss of 14,667 in the Tammany districts.

The situation in New York finds a duplicate in Chicago, where the close of the registration discloses a big gain in ten republican wards and a corresponding decrease in nine democratic wards. Reports from the state, showing the more active work of the republicans and their greater interest, have led the republican managers to increase their estimate of the plurality to be given to Mr. Taft from 150,000 to 200,000.

THE INDIAN AT WORK. A most interesting article by Rev. William J. Harsha, formerly an Omaha minister, appears in the October "Southern Workman," in which he deals at length with the progress that has been made within the last few years in teaching the American Indian the art of working with his hands in gainful pursuits.

PREPARING FOR THE INEVITABLE. Some of the democratic newspapers recognize the situation well enough to begin already to pick out cabinet officers for President Taft, but this is something that President Taft can do much better himself.

ALL KNOW IT BUT BRYAN. Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Republican. There is a reason under the sun why anyone in Iowa should vote for the "change" that Mr. Bryan stands for. The farmers know this, the workmen know this and the pity is that Mr. Bryan does not know it.

THESE WOULD BE SOMETHING DOING. Brooklyn Eagle. Should Mr. Bryan show the same carelessness or confidence in picking out cabinet officers that he showed in picking out Charles N. Haskell, the Washington correspondent, should Mr. Bryan be elected, would never want to look.

ROOM FOR MORE. Washington Post. It is stated that there are now over 30,000 words in the English language acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 20,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian languages combined. This fact is of interest, but a few more specific words might be added still for campaign purposes.

TRUST TO THE NATION. Springfield Republican. The Archbold letters in the Standard Oil interest, written to members of congress, do, in the opinion of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, convict the company of treason. "Not less abhorrent in time of peace than in time of war." For "the purchase and prostitution of servants of the state is treason." This is morally true, whatever the law might say of it.

WELL-FOUNDED DISTRICT. San Francisco Chronicle. Bryan is the victim of distrust created by his intemperate advocacy of change he believes in. The attempt to excuse this propensity by saying that his bark may be worse than his bite does not reassure.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS. The powder magazines of Europe are safe for the present. Serbia and Montenegro, after ten days of fuming and threatening, have sobered up some, and in deference to the wishes of the powers and in case of a widening war, have muzzled their cannons, and put the lid on Belgrade and Cetigne.

To Candidate Shallenberger: Are you, too, bound by your platform as to what it omits as well as what it contains? If so, which platform—the one you promulgated personally for the primary election or the one you acquired from the democratic platform makers, or the one thrust upon you with the populist nomination—which?

The city council of Jackson, Miss., has passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for a woman to wear a sheath gown on the streets of that town. As no woman with a sheath gown would bother about wearing it in Jackson, what difference does it make?

The courts have decided that the earl of Yarmouth loses the \$500,000 which was settled upon him when he married Alice Thaw. It promises to be a hard winter on the earl, as he is not used to earning his own meal ticket.

Colonel Moses Wetmore complains about the smallness of the Pennsylvania contribution to the Bryan fund. The contribution compares favorably to the size of Pennsylvania's Bryan vote.

Farmers will receive about \$30,000,000 more for their wheat this year than they did last year, but apparently they are concealing the fact from the treasurers of the campaign committees.

OMAHA IS ALREADY THE MARKET TOWN for live stock, grain, wool and all the important staples of the farm and ranch, and it will become the market town for a lot of other things as it goes along expanding.

With his usual shiftiness, Congressman Hitchcock is trying to play the labor unions and the Business Men's association at one and the same time. Likewise the church people and the liquor dealers. But will he succeed?

IT IS A GREAT CONCESSION, anyway, for our amiable democratic contemporary to admit that any argument on any subject presented by its editor should be "picked to pieces" by anyone.

"If I were a republican I would vote for Mr. Bryan," says Colonel Waterston. As the colonel is a democrat he will doubtless vote against Mr. Bryan just as he did in 1896 and in 1900.

THE POWER MAGAZINES OF EUROPE are safe for the present. Serbia and Montenegro, after ten days of fuming and threatening, have sobered up some, and in deference to the wishes of the powers and in case of a widening war, have muzzled their cannons, and put the lid on Belgrade and Cetigne.

THE BROOKLYN EAGLE is not taking postal card polls or straw votes this year. Four years ago the Eagle had postal card proof of an overwhelming victory for Parker several days before the Roosevelt landslide overtook the Eeopus statesman.

THE NAME OF MICHAEL COOK is not so familiar as that of W. Bourke Cockran, but he will succeed the eloquent and erstwhile New York orator in congress, just the same. Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall decrees that it shall be so, and that settles it.

COLONEL MOSES C. WETMORE, occupying a high place in the Bryan box office, complains that some of his brother democrats produce "more puff than stuff." The colonel wants the party to understand that the puff privileges he looked after for Mr. Bryan, personally, and he asks no assistance.

Haverhill, Mass., has adopted the commission system of government. The mayor is divested of veto power, the initiative and referendum is given voters, and any member of the commission may be deprived of office by petition, signed by 25 per cent of the voters. The last provision will boost the business of procuring signatures.

A CONVENTION of representatives of the various divisions of the British South African colony is in session at Durban for the purpose of drafting a constitution for the government of the united commonwealth. The political complexion of the convention is Dutch, but there is no dissent to safeguard the supremacy of the British minority. Indeed, there is manifest at the outset a racial unity as strong as that shown in the first legislative assembly at Pretoria under British supremacy.

THE MATTER-OF-FACT recital of the heroism of Cook G. A. Roberts, of the British schooner Sirocco, thrills the blood of every man who is lured by the terror and mystery of the sea. The Sirocco was bound from Brunswick, Ga., to Wilson City, Bahamas, and was wrecked on Mantella reef. The captain and five men were washed away on a piece of wreckage, and Cook Roberts and Mate Joseph Laing found themselves on another piece, without food or water.

FROM THURSDAY, October 1, until Monday, October 5, Roberts and Laing were adrift. Laing, who could not swim, was swept off the raft several times, and Roberts jumped into the sea and rescued him. Then they were sighted by the British steamer Tiverton. "The seas were running so high," says the dispatch, "that a boat could not be launched. A life line had to be thrown out. This missed the man, Roberts plunged into the ocean, caught the line, and carried it to Laing, whom he first made sure was safe before looking after his own safety."

Such unselfish heroism, at a moment when nature's first law might be supposed to be irresistible, restores faith in human nature. How many brave hearts beat under the jackets of sailors, ready in emergency to prove that obscurity and poverty are no bar against heroic service? What need had the sea-cook Roberts of a Carnegie medal, when he has a heart of gold? He did not seek fame, nor profit, nor advantage. He did simply what seemed to be his duty, and perhaps he would be astonished and ashamed if a hero medal were offered to him. He will go about his business like thousands of other men who are ready to lay down their lives for others; and the finest honor that could be bestowed upon him would not increase the honor he has given himself.

"A man's a man for a' that!"

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POLITICAL DRIFT. The registration in Greater New York pleases the republicans all right. The democratic state committee of Tennessee removed its headquarters from the Maxwell house in Nashville, because the management permitted a large picture of Mr. Taft to be displayed in the hotel lobby. That is rather cheap politics.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES. "Uncle Gottlieb, leave the old parties to their fate. Vote with me for Debs and social reform." "Taps! Taps pe tarri! I vote for David and brotherhood."—Chicago Tribune. "How's the campaign getting in your section?" "Very exciting," answered the sarcastic citizen. "Next week we're to have a joint debate between a photograph and a graphophone."—Washington Post.

INSTRUCTOR—Mr. Smith, kindly name the bones of the skull. Student Smith—Well, sir, I've got them all in my head, but I can't think of their names just now.—Bostonian Magazine. "Don't you think you are taking big chances in permitting your daughter to marry that man?" "I'd be taking bigger chances not to." "I don't see how." "She might not marry at all."—Houston Post.

ARE YOU THINKING it is dignified for statesmen to be called by their first names? "It may not be dignified. But nowadays it sounds better to call a man by his first name than to address him as 'my dear senator.'"—Washington Star. "It is all over," said the wife who had dragged her husband with her to a bargain sale. "Thank the gods," he ejaculated. "Now it's all over, let's go home." "Not much," she replied, coldly. "This is the all-over lace bargain counter."—Baltimore American.

TROUBLE IN THE BALKANS. Arthur Guiterman in New York Times. When the Bulgarians are abounding and the Balkans are a-bubbling. And the Wallachians are brandishing their dirks. And the Merry Montenegrins are grandiloquently talking. And the Serbians are serving prismatic acid to the Turks. And the Russians are a-rushing to the Theater of Action. And the Boilevickian Roumanians are romping over his loss. While the Austrians are smiling, with a deal of satisfaction, at the Eastern Europeanians who've happened in to tea. How I love to watch the War Cloud as it gets an extra load on! How I love to hear the throb, throb, throb of the drums! And the wallings of the Prophets for the Day of Armageddon. It's so thrilling and romantic—and the trouble never comes! Though the Powers are pow-wow-ing and dilly-dallying are contriving. Yet we know one party doesn't and the other one a friend. There's the scene of Eilatimatus and a bit of bargain driving. And then all will be as peaceful as the Atlantic Parade.

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