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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.

Open season for Christmas shopping. China is having a bank panic. That country is becoming civilized, all right.

Senator Foarkor says he has been vindicated. Then everybody should be satisfied.

"What," asks the Detroit Free Press, "is more potent than a dollar?" More dollars.

"Kings is for Woodruff for senator," says a New York paper. Perhaps, but Mr. Root is holding aces.

There is a suspicious sound to the report that the new tariff law will be known as the Payne bill.

At any rate, John D. Rockefeller has not yet confessed to having let any telltale letters get away from him.

It is stated that Mr. Taft is to abandon the horse for the motor car. There will be no complaint from the horse.

The death of the uncle of the czar of Russia is important largely from the fact that he died of natural causes.

The International Hotel Keepers' congress has decided that the tipping habit is incurable. It is also becoming almost unendurable.

Kansas has one town that does not know its luck. It is complaining that it has no opera house big enough to capture most of the road show.

If the fight for smoke consumers is started, as promised, the women will probably insist that they be put on the rear platforms of the street cars.

Thus far this season ten persons have been killed and 200 injured in the debilitated foot ball games, with Thanksgiving day games to be heard from.

Mr. Taft asks that the consumers be heard in the arguments for revision of the tariff. It is unusual to find anyone standing up for the consumer after election.

It is quite possible that Speaker Cannon may reconsider and decide not to be a candidate for the speakership of the next house. It is quite possible, but not probable.

"Flagg" Conners is persistent in his democratic dumps. Just before leaving for a long tour of Europe he declared that he could not see any signs of American prosperity.

"American side shows are well liked in London," says a theatrical note. Mr. Chaffin, Mr. Hagen, Mr. Debs and Sidney Caesar Tapp may govern themselves accordingly.

Chancellor Day says he will remain in Europe three or four months. Really, he should stay long enough to make a complete study of the country, say for ten or a dozen years.

One Pittsburg youth is showing wisdom. He is studying law so he can be one of the attorneys in the litigation over his father's estate instead of being a mere claimant as an heir.

The editor of a local monthly publication declares, "Were I in Bryan's place I would allow the plain people of this nation to fight their own battles." There is no imminent danger of anyone setting in Bryan's place.

IS OFFICE A MERE INCIDENT?

Mr. Bryan insists on regarding his third defeat for the presidency as a mere incident in his life work devoted to the cause of reform. To quote his own language, he says: "The holding of office is a mere incident in the life of those who are devoted to reform."

This point of view is to be taken in connection with Mr. Bryan's public statement a week ago that "if circumstances should again call me," he would again become a candidate for office and also in connection with his whole political career.

Mr. Bryan was elected to represent Nebraska in congress for two terms, but during that time accomplished none of the reforms he sought to accomplish. His first term covered the last two years of the Harrison administration and his second term the first two years of the Cleveland administration.

Mr. Bryan voluntarily retired from congress by refusing to stand for re-election. Of course, the fact that his district had become in the interval strongly republican may have had something to do with his decision.

Mr. Bryan's assertion that his desire to hold office is entirely subordinate to his desire to accomplish reforms is similarly at variance with his latest effort to secure official honors.

Mr. Bryan appealed for support for his recent candidacy for the presidency by promising specific measures of legislation, knowing full well that at best, if elected, he could not have a congress in political accord with him in both houses during any part of his four years in the White House.

In spite of this, however, he proclaimed in advance that he would be content with one term as president and would not seek or accept re-election. In other words, he promised reforms which he knew could not be accomplished in four years and at the same time promised to retire from official life at the end of four years, before those reforms could be even inaugurated.

Mr. Bryan may sincerely believe that "the holding of office is a mere incident in the life of those who are devoted to reforms," but he certainly has pursued a peculiar course to demonstrate his conviction.

THE FALL OF "BATHHOUSE" JOHN.

One is almost tempted to believe some of the predictions made by democratic orators in the last campaign, that the decadence of the nation has set in and that luxury and the desire for it threatens the perpetuity of the republic. Many surface indications against the imminence of such a condition are still visible, but even the optimistic will be disposed to entertain doubts when informed by reliable authority in Chicago that "Bathhouse" John Coughlin has ordered a dozen directors shirts from Paris at a cost of \$500.

It is stated further that "Bathhouse," with all the zeal of a new convert to mollycoddle effects, is going to the limit and then raise it. Each shirt is to be embroidered with the figures of animals. There are elephants, buffaloes, deer, grizzly bears, tigers—blind and otherwise—which suit the designer's fancy.

Tim Woodruff's vests, J. Ham Lewis' whiskers and handkerchiefs, Harry Lehr's bracelets and shopping bags, the corsets affected by some of New York's gilded young men and the powder puffs carried by the male elite at Newport have all been accepted as casual indications of a yielding to the luxury and love of opulence, but they pale into insignificance compared with the threatened fall of Chicago's "Bathhouse" John, who has for years been posing as the leader and champion of the simple life.

It is a dozen years now since Coughlin, as leader of the unwashed in the First ward of Chicago, found his political supremacy threatened by "Sandy" Watrous, a dudish sport, who decided that he wanted to get into the select body known as the Chicago city council. Coughlin refused to give way and won his nickname of "Bathhouse" and clinched his hold on his constituents by a speech to a crowd on the street, in which he said:

"Ye are all Americans and so am I, and not one of us would think of taking anything but an American bath on Saturday night. But Sandy! Huh! Big Sandy ain't satisfied with the American bath no more. He has to have a Turkish bath or a Russian now, and what's more, he has to have one every day. Well, I reckon it's because he's dirtier 'n he used to be. You and me, byes, and all clean men like us, don't need a bath more'n once a week anyhow, but Big Sandy Watrous has got so dirty now, since he sold himself out, that he has to have one every mornin'. And that you boys who'll go over to the Palmer house at 39 o'clock any mornin' can find him layin' there on a hot marble slab with a big nigger a fannin' him. An' he's not so fine and stinky in his tastes now that pots and kettles won't do for his cooking any more, but he's got to have a chafe dish."

And now this mighty champion of the simple life, this crusader for the rights of an unlauded people, has surrendered to the corrupting and degrading influences of wealth and the fancy shift. When men like Coughlin begin wearing shirts split up the side and decorated with impressionistic pictures of the zoo it is time for the real rugged Americanism of the Chicago type to get scared. Unless there is an immediate and effective return to earlier conditions we may expect next year that Coughlin's distinguished

colleague, "Hinky Dink" McKenna, is peddling temperance tracts.

AGE OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

Even though they were disposed to reject the theory that a man is Oslertized at 60, the regents of our University of Nebraska have ample precedent for giving due consideration to age in casting about for a successor to the retiring chancellor.

Almost without exception, the great educators who have brought name and fame to the leading colleges and universities in the United States were in the prime of life when called to assume executive control. Taking up the names most quickly recognized by the general public and coupling with them their age at the beginning of their incumbency, we have this table:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, and Age. Includes names like Benjamin Ide Wheeler, John H. Finley, Nicholas Murray Butler, etc.

While every rule has its exceptions, the successful college president and the one who proves of most service to the institution over which he presides is, according to the records, the man who starts in with a good academic setting and some tested educational experience before he has passed much beyond the forty-year mark.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

It is understood, and semi-officially announced, that when Mr. Taft goes into the White House the position of private secretary will be filled by Fred W. Carpenter, and everyone who knows Mr. Carpenter will rest confident that it will be filled well.

The private secretary, like his chief, will come to his new position remarkably equipped by previous experience and training. Mr. Carpenter will have won his way to this important place of confidential relation to the president by long and faithful service in similar capacity where intelligent and persistent work counts for success.

While on his western trip, during the campaign, Mr. Taft took occasion to pay tribute to the worth of Mr. Carpenter at Sauk Center, Minn., where the latter had resided previous to his call by Mr. Taft to the Philippines, as follows:

"He is the best secretary that a man ever had and I got him by accident. I came across the Pacific from Manila on the steamer of a man named Dan Williams, who was out there, that if I secured him I would get the best secretary in the United States or in the Philippines, or between the two. He has been with me about ten years. He has not grown any older, except in service. He is just as good today as then, or even better, because he understands better how to control me and keep me straight."

With such a feeling of implicit reliance on the part of the new president, the selection of Mr. Carpenter to be the private secretary is quite understandable and the one, as well as the other, is entitled to congratulation on the prospect of mutual helpfulness in the public service.

AIRSHIPS FOR THE ARMY.

The War department has decided to ask congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 to purchase airships suitable for the use of the army and navy. It will be urged in support of the appropriation that the original appropriation made to aid the Wright brothers in their experiments made it possible for this government, in case the demonstrations were satisfactory, to have an option on the first really practicable aeroplane which has yet been constructed. If the proposed appropriation is made the signal corps of the United States may be better equipped than is the case with any other army in the world, and the largest advance in aviation may be expected to be made in this country.

While the navigation of the air is still in the experimental stage, the measurable success of the Wrights appears to establish the fact that the proper principle has been adopted for the final triumph, and the army authorities are naturally anxious to have the first call for the perfected airships. The extent to which airships and balloons may prove of tested value in military affairs is problematical, but there can be no good reason why the United States should not have the benefit of the first improvements in this science of navigating the air.

DILEMMA OF TWO GOVERNORS.

The tables have been turned, by the results of the Indiana state election, in the extradition of former Governor Taylor of Kentucky, who has been living in Indiana and is wanted in Kentucky to answer to a charge of complicity in the Goebel murder. For years the democrats of Kentucky were bitter in denouncing the republican administration of Indiana for refusing to honor the requisition papers for Taylor's surrender to the Kentucky authorities and the democrats in both Kentucky and Indiana made the question the subject matter of planks in their platform.

As a result of the election in November, Indiana will have a democratic governor who might be disposed to surrender Taylor, but Kentucky has a republican governor who the democrats believe would promptly pardon Taylor if he were returned, so they are not anxious to take immediate action on the case. The situation is a peculiar one and one that should be settled. Taylor has long contended that the charge against him was purely political, not criminal, and that if he were

returned to Kentucky he would either be imprisoned after a farcical trial or killed by Goebel followers. The treatment accorded to Caleb Powers, who was kept in prison for eight years, sentenced to death three times and ordered back for trial each time by the higher courts, seems to lend color to Governor Taylor's contention. Published testimony in the Powers case showed that the jurors were selected because of their politics and that all kinds of questionable testimony was offered in an effort to secure conviction. There is no assurance that Taylor would be given any more consideration or any fairer treatment.

The Goebel affair is ancient history and all parties at interest should be willing to drop it. It was kept alive by the Beckham regime for political purposes and finally brought about the defeat of the democrats. Governor Taylor is placed in the apparent position of being protected by partisan governors, yet he and friends are convinced that such protection is preferable to a partisan trial in the courts. He has agreed to go back to Kentucky to stand trial, if guaranteed safe conduct and protection from assassination during the progress of the trial. That this assurance has not been furnished warrants Taylor's fears and his refusal to go back without it.

THE MARINE CORPS ON LAND. The order of the Navy department, with President Roosevelt's approval, withdrawing the marine corps of the navy from sea duty and assigning it for land duty at naval stations only, promises to have an important bearing on this branch of the service which has done very creditable work without having any clearly defined status. The marine corps has never been popular with either the army or navy. It has performed a portion of the services of each, but has not had the standing in official recognition, of either.

Originally, the marines were a sort of police force on the big battleships. They were armed with muskets alone and did most of the sentry and guard duty on shipboard, now to be done by the enlisted men of the navy. In the war with Spain they led the landing parties, did infantry duty in the cities and aided in the fighting on shipboard. They restored order at Panama and were first on shore when the second insurrection broke out in Cuba. They have fought Filipino rebels and kept them back while the cableships were establishing lines of communication among the islands. They have been called upon for all kinds of service and have given it with credit to themselves.

That the marines are to be put in position as a sort of a reserve force at naval stations will rob them of their apparent prestige in the service, but their record is sufficient assurance that they may be relied upon to do their part whenever called upon, on land or on sea.

A WORD WITH THE MIKADO.

Despite denials in diplomatic circles, it is clearly established that Secretary Root has been doing some plain-talking to the Japanese in an effort to secure an explicit statement from Japan regarding that country's attitude toward China and the open door policy in Manchuria. American traders in Manchuria have convinced our State department that the Japanese policy in Manchuria does not open the door to free and equal trade for foreigners and that the discriminations have fallen most heavily against Americans.

Japan has repeatedly protested that these complaints are not well based and the mikado's representatives have insisted that Japan would make good its pledge to maintain the open door policy in Manchuria, a policy secured through the efforts of Mr. Hay, yet official and unofficial reports from Manchuria support the complaints and bear out the charge that Japan is administering Manchuria for the benefit of Japan. The Japanese control the railroads and the Japanese army is in charge of a portion of the territory, and there appears to be abundant evidence that the railroad rates and the customs charges are being so managed and arranged as to give Japanese merchants a practical advantage in the Manchurian trade. It is against this condition, which threatens the integrity of China, that Secretary Root has protested.

The United States has a peculiar interest in this situation, because it is the one power in position to prevent the dismemberment of China, without being charged with a selfish purpose. The policy of the State department for years has been in that direction. Mr. Hay, after securing from China the adoption of the "open door" policy in Manchuria, succeeded in having that principle recognized in the treaty at Portsmouth, when the temporary administration of Manchurian affairs was turned over to Japan. The violation of the pledge by Japan would mark the way for complete domination and final ownership of Manchuria by Japan. Under the circumstances Mr. Root has chosen an opportune time to question Japan as to its intentions. The American fleet has just visited Japanese ports, ostensibly to show this country's good will to the mikado and his people, but possibly incidentally to impress the Orient with the American naval strength. That object has doubtless been accomplished and advantage is being taken of the opportunity to have a better understanding with Japan on China and the open door.

An inquirer from the east has written The Bee to ascertain if there is any city or town closer to Council Bluffs than Omaha. Inasmuch as

Omaha and Council Bluffs both bound their territorial limits with the center line of the Missouri river, we do not see how any other city or town could get closer to either of them.

Prince Helle de Sagan says American collars will stand sixty-one trips to the laundry, while French collars survive only twenty-four such trips. The statement may be accepted as final, as Helle is one of the greatest living experts on dirty linen.

These gentlemen who are being named for cabinet positions will feel more comfortable when the reports come from Hot Springs, Va., instead of from the offices of the Washington newspaper correspondents.

Mr. Taft asserts that none of his cabinet family has yet been selected. This announcement opens the door again for all those statesmen who want the free advertising of being mentioned.

If Governor Sheldon should call the legislature in special session only a month before its members' terms of office expire, he would be offering a reward for a first-class filibuster.

Your Ungallant Uncle.

In seizing Miss Eklind's ruby ring for duty Uncle Sam shows a contempt for romance which is calculated to bring the blush of shame to every lover-loving American cheek, for who can put a paltry material value on the token of true love above all price?

The Forthanded Shopper.

Shop early and get what you want with the least discomfort to yourself and the least trouble to those who must wait upon you, is the simplest as well as the most effective maxim which the Christmas buyer can follow to make the burden of present-buying a light one.

The Taming of John D.

A more genial trust in his fellow-men, even though they be of the trust balters, is softening the former stern elusiveness of John D. Rockefeller. In fact, in desisting from a public opinion, he is now so tame that he will allow a process-server to approach and take a subpoena summons out of the latter's hand.

Diversified Plundering.

For diversified plundering the managers of the Sugar Trust are a close second to the managers of the Oil Trust. The magnificent legalized loot they obtain as a result of tariff tinkering does not satisfy their craving. They levy tribute of rebate on the railroads. And now the government is suing the ungrateful trust to recover \$2,500,000 of unpaid customs duties arising from the exposure of systematic frauds in weighing sugar cargoes!

Troubles of Tom Johnson.

The underhanded defeat of Mayor Tom Johnson, 3-2, municipal traction arrangement at Cleveland caused a run on the bank of which he was president, and this explains its absorption by other Cleveland banking institutions. Troubles are now falling thick upon him, and it is reported that his large fortune has been nearly wiped out through neglect of his private business affairs and his generous devotion to the interests of the people during his long mayoralty service.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Who is the Christmas shopper who reaches the stock first. Money and credit are saved, making the effort worth while. The demand for putting on eggs the date of their entrance into cold storage is intended to give their birthday anniversaries some degree of accuracy. A Massachusetts woman who speaks fifty-four languages is easily the vocal star of the Bay state. It is hardly necessary to state that she is a bachelor maid.

Official Farmer Wilson intimates that the hay crop is likely to crowd King Corn off the throne. Not this year, however. When the abdication comes the kingly host will readily go to grass. No, Pauline, the late queen dowager of China did not lend her name to Wyoming's capital. Cheryene took its name from good Indians, while Tai An did not become a good Indian till very late in life. Some of the innocents on the police force of Chicago mistook a roulette table for a nursery playground and passed it up. If Chicago wasn't built on a dead level these innocents would fall of the block.

The genius whose deft touch fashioned Indian summer and made this favored region its habitat proves by the latest specimen from his shop that years increase the infinite beauty and charm of his workmanship. How trifling man's accomplishments appear when contrasted with the work of the Master hand.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Baltimore American: The emancipation by Rome of Catholic America's subordinate condition as a missionary country emphasizes the strides made by this nation in world importance. Since the beginning of this century, not yet a decade old, it has been recognized in more ways than one as in the foremost rank, and now powerful conservative religious influences complete the tribute to its importance as a world factor. Boston Herald: The action of the convention of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York fixing the minimum salaries of its curates at \$1,200 recalls the fact that a minimum limit for the compensation of the clergymen in the diocese of Massachusetts was earnestly recommended by Bishop Lawrence some time ago, though no definite action was taken on his recommendation, we believe. The preaching of the gospel still remains the poorest paid of all the professions without distinction of denominations.

New York Tribune: The minimum rate fixed by the diocese, \$1,200 for an unmarried clergyman and \$1,500 for a married one, merely places these lowest paid clergymen on an equality with the better paid skilled labor, and not quite, indeed, on a parity with the best paid of such labor. The ministry, like teaching and some of the other learned professions, has suffered from an oversupply of those who enter it. So much that although in such professions a man gives eight or ten years of his life to getting a more or less costly education he cannot be sure of being even as well paid as the man who has been to no such expense, but has been earning steadily since early youth. Perhaps the present tendency, of which so much is heard, is a decrease in the number of persons entering the ministry, together with such steps as that now taken by the New York diocese, which must check the ill-advised opening of missions without adequate funds for their maintenance, will remove from the church the reproach of having many underpaid ministers.

Thanksgiving 1908

Apart from its religious and ethical significance, Thanksgiving Day serves as a convenient reminder to careful housekeepers, to complete her Cut Glass or Silver Sets for this day and the Holidays to come. You are apt to recognize that Thanksgiving Day must not find you unprepared. That on this day and the Holidays you will have occasion to use pieces of Silver or Cut Glass that you may not have. Endeavor to repair these omissions due to lack of foresight. My stock is now complete for the Holidays. Those who make early selections choose from the best variety of patterns.

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

It takes a lot of piety to stand up against profanity. He is a fool to think who would try to defend it with error. The Holy life is the one that is healthy all the way through. No day is long enough to waste any of it in nursing enmity. The unanswered prayer finds its fruitage in the disciplined heart. The man who is going to heaven never tries to take up all the road. Do heaven's business and heavenly beauty will take care of itself. There's little of the water of life in works on religious hydrostatics. It is often worth while to do an apparently fruitless act for the sake of acquiring a helpful habit. When people are hungry for the living bread it's folly feeding them lectures on agriculture.—Chicago Tribune.

THE NEED OF THE WORLD.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the Century. I know the need of the world, though it would not have me know; It would hide its sorrow deep, where only God may go; Yet its secret I cannot keep; It tells it awake or asleep; It tells it to all who will heed, and in the future makes the need of the world I know. I know the need of the world when it boasts of its wealth the loudest, When it flaunts it in all men's eyes, when its mein is the gayest and proudest, Oh, ever it lies, it lies! For the sound of its laughter dies in a sob of a smothered groan, And it weeps when it sits alone! The need of the world I know.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"I don't care about a church wedding. Myrtle, do you? Wouldn't you rather be married right here at your own home?" "Yes, but I'm afraid we can't do that, Alvey. I'm quite sure it's forbidden in the case."—Chicago Record-Herald. Westend—What did your wife say when you got home from the stag the other night? Broadway—Nothing at all. She just sat down at the piano and played "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."—Puck. "I know I am not as handsome as some men who woo you, but remember that the toad has a diamond in its head." "Do you happen to have a diamond in your pocket?"—Houston Post. Mrs. Jawback—Do you know I came very near not marrying you? Mr. Jawback—Sure—but who told you about it?—Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Young Mr. Bilgins is thinking of proposing," answered Miss Cayenne; "but I doubt if he will ever do so. The only way for a man to get courage in such matters is to stop thinking."—Washington Star.

Don't Be A Slave to Your Job

It is not always the man who sticks to one job for a lifetime who gets ahead in the world. Whether a man should stay in one place year after year depends altogether on the place. If it offers an opportunity to broaden a man, stay. If it does not, quit.

Broad experience is what makes a man valuable. Don't go through life in a narrow rut because you haven't the courage to break away. Your excuse is that you do not want to give up a certainty of an uncertainty; but have you ever stopped to think that when you are past middle age the "certainty" may prove a myth?

Most of the big men in this country threw up positions where they had a certainty because they felt themselves capable of greater things. Don't become the slave of some poor little job. You don't have to. I can put you in the way of something better with the certainty of an increasing income as the years go by.

Phone or write me today for full particulars.

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