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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.

Christmas shopping yet? The south offers a rich field for agitation for a safe and sane pistol pocket.

Starch manufacturers admit themselves that the duty on starch is too stiff.

The French pure food congress is discussing, "What is a Sausage?" It's a secret.

"The Persians were famous for their wisdom," says a local advertiser. Also for their rugs.

Annapolis has just celebrated the 200th anniversary of its founding. Now we know about the age of Ann.

The standpatters are apparently doing a good service to the cause of tariff revision by overreaching themselves.

A Russian claims to be 136 years old. It may just seem that long to him, as he has always lived in Russia.

Mr. Bryan declares that Tammany betrayed him. On the contrary, Tammany did its work in the open this time.

"Spooning is unparadiseable," says a writer of woman's page advice. Perhaps, but spooners never ask anybody's pardon.

As another sign of returning prosperity Mr. Gary, head of the Steel trust, has issued invitations to a large dinner.

The new emperor of China is said to be "crying day and night." Possibly the kid has an idea of what he is up against.

"Don't talk about yourself," says a minister. Good advice, perhaps, but it is better than continually talk about other folks.

Richard Croker says he will never come back to the United States to live. It affords us pleasure to thank Croker for something.

The congress may go ahead with the work of tariff revision, but it need not expect the democrats to be satisfied with the result.

"Will Tammany explain?" asks Mr. Bryan. Tammany will probably explain that if it has done anything it is sorry for, it is glad of it.

"Foraker is still the fire alarm in Ohio," says the Atlanta Constitution. Perhaps, but they are planning to turn the legislative hose on him.

Orders have been placed within the month for 25,000 new cars for the American railroads. Prosperity is apparently returning on wheels.

Some of the members of the present congress seem to labor under the delusion that the tariff revision elevator is going up, instead of down.

Mr. Rockefeller says the oil business is extremely hazardous. It must be, as some years it does not pay more than 40 per cent in dividends.

A Colorado woman wants a divorce because she does not understand her husband. She should be congratulating herself, instead of worrying.

Thomas C. Platt is going to leave the United States senate and the interest in the event is so pronounced that some New York men are fighting for his shoes as souvenirs.

PLUNKETT ON COUNTRY LIFE.

While the commission especially appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate and report on the conditions of country life with a view to improvement is engaged at its work, it can get some real help out of the address on this subject delivered by Sir Horace Plunkett a few weeks ago before the sub-section on agriculture of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Previous efforts to equalize the attractions of city and country have been, first, by trying to make the country more civilized and, second, by trying to make the city more countrified.

With reference to the first of these divisions, "better farming," Mr. Plunkett contends that agriculture has not had its full share in the benefits with which science, physical and social, has richly endowed the whole field of industrial effort.

With reference to the second factor, "better business," the conclusion is offered, based on his own observation and experience, "that farmers are more backward in their business than in their technical methods."

With reference to the third part, "better living," co-operation is again the keynote and rural education the foundation. Mr. Plunkett makes a plea for a special education for the rural school after the point is reached up to which the training of the child is in its essence the same in city and country.

The great significance of this thought-breeding contribution of Sir Horace Plunkett is that it stamps the problem of country life as a world problem and shows that it is attracting the attention of the best minds in all advanced countries.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE PUZZLE.

One of the peculiar features of the American system of electing its presidents has been called to mind by a correspondent who writes to inquire if, in case Mr. Taft should die before the electoral college meets, the college would be bound to elect Mr. Sherman as president.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft is today neither president, nor the president-elect. Practically the people have chosen him, but technically he will not be elected until the second week in January.

The electors will meet at each state capital and prepare similar ballots, one of which will be sent by mail to Washington, one carried by messenger to the vice president and one filed in the federal court nearest the capital of the state.

Should Mr. Taft die before the vote of the electoral college is taken it would be entirely competent for congress by a special bill to call the college together for a new election.

A TEN MILLION CITY.

Entirely incidental to his picture of the educational requirements of the immediate future, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, in his report as president to the trustees, makes this prediction:

At the rate which its population is being increased, including additions from immigration, there are many persons now living who will know New York as a city with 10,000,000 inhabitants.

A ten-million city almost passes imagination, and yet were it not in sight, so careful and far-seeing an observer as President Butler would hardly venture to assert that the American metropolis will be a ten-million city within sixty to seventy years.

When the first census of the United States was taken in 1790 all the inhabitants of the republic put together numbered only 3,929,214, and it was not until about 1825 that the population of the United States passed the 10,000,000 people.

And still there is nothing hazardous in predicting that the metropolis of America will hold 10,000,000 people before the present century expires.

Senor Guglielmo Ferrero, the Italian historian, now visiting in this country, is making it a special order of business to tell the students in American schools and colleges that all the histories of Rome, except his own, have been miswritten.

The Italian professor tells us, for instance, that Marc Antony did not deliver that "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" oration over the body of the dead Caesar.

Schoolboys, who love to recite the "Lend-me-your-ear" excerpt from Antony's oration, may regret his rejection, but a whole multitude of folks will rise up in protest against Prof. Ferrero's assertion that Cleopatra wasn't there with the good looks.

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The report that President Roosevelt will recommend to the coming congress the admission of New Mexico and Arizona to statehood has led to the suggestion that one of the new states be named Lincoln.

In respect to all of the suggestions, it may be argued that Lincoln needs the naming of neither roadways, states nor foreign possessions to keep his name and fame alive for future generations.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

The recent prohibition crusade in the south, in which a number of the homes of the seductive mint julep and the product of corn have been placed in the "dry" column, has started scientists, professors and physiologists to arguing upon the effects of strong drink on the human system.

On the other hand, Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard, whose reputation in the psychological world is very high, argues that many men do very well after a moderate use of alcohol and that there is no scientific fact which demonstrates the evil effects of a temperate use of alcohol by normal adult men.

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CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS ON.

They will tell you in each street that the work of the Chicago forces was coarse, that he didn't observe the rules of the game and that he doesn't belong to our set at all.

Twenty-five pasteurized starters in the amount of mail between this country and Great Britain during the first month of the 2-cent postage doesn't fully offset the reduction in the pecuniary receipts, but it will do for a starter. It's bound to show profit in time.

ADVANCE OF THE "LOWA IDEA."

The election of Albert M. Cummins to the United States senate from Iowa and his pledge to aid in immediate tariff revision as promised in the party platform transports the "Iowa Idea" to Washington with some emphasis.

SEASON FOR GENERAL REJOICING.

Justice Weaver of the Iowa supreme court in construing the contract of a teacher of athletics decided the foot ball season to be that part of the year ending with Thanksgiving day, and added:

The remainder of the year of the university student may be devoted to the study of foot ball, but the foot ball season proper ends appropriately with a general thanksgiving.

AN HONORARY HUMORIST.

Mr. Rockefeller's humorous disposition serves him well. A smart reporter accosted him in one of the intervals of his cross-examination and submitted to him a written question prepared by the young man's editor, asking the old gentleman if he expected to get an immunity bath.

MISSOURI JOINS THE NORTH.

The most significant and interesting result of the Missouri election is the state's emphatic repudiation of Bryanism. The voters showed an inclination toward democracy by electing most of the state candidates—except Hadley and Gmelch, in whose success special causes governed.

Until 1904 Missouri was regarded as one of the strongest and safest states in the democratic column. It was looked upon as part of the solid south. From 1876 it gave an unbroken series of democratic pluralities ranging from 25,000 to 85,000.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Desertion on the food vended to story-tellers. The suspended banks of Peking resumed business promptly when the police came around with the axe.

Conveyances from Chicago to the peninsula speeded over a straight road only when the victim willingly omits the curve.

When a court cuts a woman's claim for alimony from \$125.00 to \$25.00 a year it is time to class judicial gallantry among the lost arts.

Philadelphia will start the new year with an all-night bank, both for business and to prove that some natives stay awake at night.

Burton Holmes, the lecturer, says that the name of the Chinese empress was O'Hara, evidently a Chinese version of O'Hara. Can't you see?

If some bookmaker would put out big-rigged cars of the Howard and Anna Gould families the six "best sellers" of former years would be "beaten to a frazzle."

A Chicago university professor breaks into print to say that the mental equality of the sexes is impossible. Quite likely, since Mrs. Professor is wise enough to avoid the megaphone.

"The Washington judge who ruled that a wife had a legal right to search her husband's pocket doubtless reasoned that a husband who could not beat the game wasn't a safe person to harbor money."

The Association for International Conciliation, having failed to place Congressman Hobson on a peace footing, might try him with one of its peace pamphlets printed in seven languages. Richard needs treatment for insomnia.

Mr. Rockefeller's debut in magazine and court literature is so voluminous and sympathetic in tone that Ida Tarbell must revise her ideas and can a few more. Such hot stuff deserves a better fate than oblivion in legal texts.

When Grand Duke Alexis and his companion sportmen finished their buffalo hunt in January, 1875, they were given a banquet at Topkapi. King, at which the bill of fare contained 105 different articles of food and drink. He survived the feast thirty-six years and ten months.

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CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT. EARLY SELECTIONS. Of your gifts will enable you to choose from a most complete stock. My cases are weighted down with novelties, rich jewelry, silverware, cut glass, etc., etc.

DIAMONDS. A gift for generations to come, besides being the best investment on the market today. No fluctuation of prices, but a steady and sure increase. I am now showing many little diamond novelties, brooches, pins, cuff buttons, studded watches, etc., etc.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Baltimore American: A Pennsylvania pastor who wished the mammoth hats of the feminine part of his congregation removed, and who believed more in the exercise of tact than of authority, announced that he would not expect the elder ladies to take off their hats in church, but would request it of the younger ones.

ADVANCE SYMPTOMS. Baltimore American. Now the butcher's girl smiles blithely as he meets her. And the grocer's boy gets busy with his apron. And the janitor is careful your opinions are not to shock.

Working on a New Issue. Boston Herald. Mr. Bryan is to spend some time in Mexico studying the railroad question under President Diaz's scheme of nationalization. He has never abandoned his belief in government ownership, but simply postponed the issue until a more opportune time than has yet appeared.

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