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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them.

Some inventor should produce an asbestos film for moving picture shows.

The news columns show a lot of howling in this town in spite of the New Year resolutions.

The president has discovered that a soft answer will not turn away the wrath of a congressman.

Reports from Lincoln indicate that even a sweeping political victory may not be a clean victory.

Colonel Waterston calls the king of Italy "four acres." He's better than that. He's a royal flush.

Republican optimists should be reminded that the south has the habit of bolting Bryan in off years.

Residents of Washington are complaining of dirty streets. Residents of Omaha are tired of complaining.

All brooms and brushes, according to a trade report, have been advanced 10 per cent in price. It's a sweeping charge.

Perhaps congress will be discreet enough next time to tackle a man who has not been practicing daily with an elephant gun.

Walter Wellman says that President Roosevelt's messages were written for posterity. Congress may file a dissenting opinion.

A congressman was held up and robbed while on his way to a card game. The robber simply beat the card sharps to him.

Of course, there's no escaping the man who insists that while a cold war may produce some discomfort, it is good for your health.

Senator Tillman was after timber lands, although it is difficult to see how a man could do much expert work with a pitchfork in the woods.

The Agricultural department states that a hen attains its best laying capacity in its third year. There seems to be a dearth of 3-year-old hens.

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THE SENEGAMBIAN IN THE WOODPILE

Neither the senate nor the house agree with the president about the secret service, its use and the legislation affecting it. Usually admitted facts bear but one construction, but congress reads the records differently from the president.

Congress was at a hopeless disadvantage from the first in its bout with the president over the use of the secret service, as its very opposition placed it in the attitude of trying to hamper the authorities in their efforts to run down law-breakers and uncover crime.

While surface indications point to a great breach between the president and congress, with continuous quarrel until the president's term expires, it will undoubtedly develop that there is a deep motive back of the agitation designed to keep the executive and congress apart.

PASSING OF THE PIONEERS. The death of William P. Snowden, who has been very generally accorded the honor of having been the first permanent white settler in the city of Omaha, again emphasizes to our citizens the steady passing of the pioneers.

THE NIGHT RIDERS CONVICTED. Law and order have won at least a surface victory in the conviction in Tennessee of eight men charged with leadership in the Night Rider raids and the recent murder of Colonel Quentin Rankin.

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der of courage on his part to continue his efforts until the work has been done thoroughly. If he succeeds in checking lawlessness and protecting life and property he will not only discharge an imperative obligation to the citizens of Tennessee, but he will set an encouraging example to other states of the south where feudists, Night Riders and desperadoes in general have brought discredit on the states of whose citizens a great majority are law-abiding, but where certain types of law-breakers have been able to defy authority with impunity.

THE REBUILDING OF MESSINA.

Writing of the earthquake at Messina, F. Marion Crawford expresses the belief that the ancient port will be permitted to remain a cemetery and a new city founded somewhere farther removed from the dangers of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Mr. Crawford has written many stories of Italian life and is accepted as an authority on Italian history and Italian affairs, but he fails to appreciate Italian nature or human nature if he really expects Messina to be abandoned.

Messina was old when Christ was born. For more than a thousand years prior to that time the Sicilians and Calabrians knew of its exposure to earthquakes and eruptions and generation after generation suffered the effects of them, each confident, however, of escaping a repetition of the city's history. Messina was almost completely destroyed about 125 years ago, and yet before the fires had been entirely suppressed in the ruins, the work of rebuilding Messina had begun.

The sites of cities are seldom changed by catastrophes, even when there is reasonable certainty of recurrence. The hope that the recurrence may be long delayed is usually sufficient to cause spirited activity in the rebuilding. San Francisco, greater and bigger than ever, has risen over the ruins caused by an earthquake a few years ago and in spite of the fact that scientists all agree that the region is almost certain to be again visited by earthquakes.

CARE OF HOMELESS CHILDREN.

President Roosevelt has called a convention of noted charity workers to meet soon in Washington to consider the best plan for caring for children who are utterly dependent on charity. Statistics show that on December 31, 1906, there were 92,561 children in orphan asylums and kindergartens in the United States, while probably 50,000 more were in family homes under supervision of charity organization workers.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE DOCTORS?

That up-to-date monthly magazine which goes by the name of American Medicine contains a breezy editorial discussion in its last issue under the heading, "What is the Matter With the Medical Profession?" The most casual perusal of the dissertation that follows will quickly convince the most skeptical that a lot of things have gone wrong with the position that used to be filled by the family doctor.

The general practitioner's sphere of usefulness has been contracted until about the only thing left for him to do is "first aid" work, or to act as advance agent for his friends, the surgeon and the specialist.

Medical men, themselves, are certainly to blame for many of the conditions which now confront them. With an almost fatuous adherence to the archaic tenets of hygienic days, they have clung to the idea that the practice of medicine is something so far removed from business or trade that the consideration of ways and means by physicians is ignoble, if not diverting.

Had medical men studied their patients as assiduously as they have diseases; had they realized that the one great demand of the sick is for prompt effects, or, at least, prompt action; had they realized that certain ends justify certain means, we would not find today doctors of divinity treating hysterical women and hypochondriacal and neurotic men by "laying on of hands" and "soothing words."

The real trouble with the medical profession after all may be that it has over-estimated the intelligence of the people. The public has asked for medical fiction, the occult and the hysterical, and we have, alas, betrayed them by telling them the truth.

If there is any more useful man among men than the genuine, Simon-pure doctor of medicine, we have yet to meet him, and we doubt if he exists. The American people will, doubtless, have to experience some great affliction to realize the real worth of their doctors, and when the time does come they will not be found wanting.

Pity the poor doctor. Between the specialist on one side, the faith curist on the other and his own innate modesty and devotion to an obsolete ethical code preventing him from blazng his talents forth to the world, he has, indeed, fallen upon hard lines. The chief trouble is that the doctor has not yet awakened to the miserable existence he is leading and medical colleges continue to turn out annually, if not oftener, hordes of new practitioners to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before and wait for the great affliction that is to make the people appreciate them at their true worth.

We have it on the most direct authority that when the municipal home rule plank was being written into the last democratic state platform the question was asked, right out loud whether or not it meant an elective police board for Omaha, and that, if so, it should be so stipulated in the platform, but that a long and effective protest was immediately registered by the Douglas county spokesmen. If the platform-makers meant to promise Omaha an elective police board, why didn't they say so?

The Italian military authorities have asked for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for additional reforms in the army. An appropriation to put the soldiers at work removing the debris at Messina would be more fitting.

John W. Kern announces that he is going to make a determined effort to be elected United States senator from Indiana. That name sounds familiar, but we can't recall just now what he has done to make himself famous.

An actress who was seeking a divorce from her actor-husband at Sioux Falls was surprised to have the decree granted without any testimony, when the judge on the bench calmly remarked, "I have seen him act."

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

No man can own any more than he can carry in his own heart. The best evidence of a hungry soul is its hunger for work to do.

Every man must buy the riches of experience with his own coin. The things you really stand for are revealed to those you run after.

No man can take integrity into his creed and keep it out of his character. No prayer meeting is long enough that does not reach to the market place.

Most users of sarcasm think more of its sound than of the service it might render. There is never room at the top for the man who thinks it was built for only one.

The man who hasn't the vigor to be vicious usually prides himself on his virtues. The welfare of the world may depend partly on whether you can whistle in the rain.

Some of the virtues of our friends grow out of the graves where we have buried their faults. Too many when they attempt to leave their sins make the mistake of holding farewell meetings.

Charitable example when we are on parade has no influence at all compared with the effect of our everyday living. You may have a right to your own sorrows, but you have no right to throw your shadows in another's way.—Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The Indiana pastor who lost his well filled pocket book searched for it all day and then prayed all night that he might find it. He searched again the next morning and found it, but he wouldn't have found it if he hadn't searched.

New York World: A Des Moines clergyman who has reformed a drunkard by hypnotism warns the public against the use of hypnotism by unscrupulous and ungodly persons. But who is to be the judge of the righteousness of the hypnotizer's purposes?

Boston Herald: The death of "Father John of Cronstadt" removes one of the most popular and most original personalities that the Orthodox Greek Church of Russia has known. A mystic, a "faith-healer" and a promoter of many charities, he was respected and loved by the laity more than any other priest of the church, and had touch with their purse. He remained popular with royalty and with the nobility down to the last. But his grip on the people was lost when he chose the side of reaction and absolutism against the side of progress and constitutionalism.

Here is one of the plainer cases in sociological history of a man who might have been a prophet becoming only a courtier.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

When Medicine Hat mixes his weather dope, Old Mercury scoots for the cellar. Wan Shi Kai and one Castro are suffering from similar jolts. One kick did the business.

The New York man who paid \$1,000 for the return of a lost necklace had unbounded faith in the genuineness of pearls. American wives are mere slaves," exclaims Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman. Where was Gilman when the fire went out?

Father Knickerbocker is the real thing. Though old enough to be a great-grandfather, last year his crop of babies was the largest in ten years.

It is hard to reconcile our notions of the exalted intelligence of the justices of the federal supreme court with the fact that they blew out dollar gas in New York.

The report that Governor Stubbs of Kansas would not appoint any women to office has been denied. Mrs. Stubbs held an executive session just before the denial went out.

Observe what thrilling periods smite the arched domes of legislative halls in behalf of the "dear people." Tongues lash the ambient air while feet point for the pie counter.

To diminish the pinch of hard times and relieve the strain on shoe leather, the street car company of Minneapolis accepts a promise to pay in lieu of the coin from passengers on its cars.

The unphilosophical execre board of Horton expresses surprise over the discovery that drug stores in certain "dry" suburbs sell vast quantities of booze for "medicinal" and "mechanical" purposes. More in fact, than apocryphal sold in the same localities before the drouth. Members of the board have not applied for guardians, but something should be done to keep them off traveled roads.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Breathes there a girl on earth today with hair that's slowly turning gray, who in the mirror scans her head and neck into horror, with self she lets out a soulful sigh: "I really think I ought to dye?"—Emporia Gazette.

"Mrs. Ka Flippe is down with double pneumonia." "That woman always did go to extremes in everything."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"How do you know your husband is not a good poker player?" "Because," answered young Mrs. Turkina, "no good poker player could be as popular as he was when he first poker played."—Washington Star.

"Do you have domestic puzzles too in addition to your business ones?" "Do I? I had one on my hands lately when I tried to walk the floor at nights in deep distress." "Dear me! What was it?" "The baby."—Baltimore American.

"Sometimes when alone," said the sentimental man, "I dream of my ideal man." "That is your cue to wake up," rejoined the practical girl. "Dreams always go by contraries, you know."—Chicago News.

Young Wife—John was so mean this Christmas to leave mamma. Young Wife—He heard her say casually she liked as a present something appropriate for the house—something antique and characteristic. Friend—Well? Young Wife—He sent for a knocker.—Baltimore American.

KISER DOESN'T WANT MUCH. G. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. I would sing a song of heartiest thanks— If I were twenty-three or twenty-four, I'd be thankful for the chance to make a living.

Without the need of working any more; I'd be thankful if my income were about Ten thousand dollars yearly—oh, I'd shout With gladness that would make the stars row!

I'd be thankful if, instead of working daily Where by blazes some sweeping o'er the plains, I might far in the southland saunter gaily With some enchanting maid through flowery lanes.

I'd be thankful if I had a touring car in which to travel blissfully and far From where I need most toil for meager gains.

I'd be thankful if I'd come from o'er the water And had the right to wear a coronet. And by some multimillionaire's fair daughter.

Were generously lifted out of debt; Though her father ate his wheateakea And had never studied grammar in his life.

I'd be bulging out with thankfulness, you bet.

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