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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.

Oklahoma is first on the list this year with Crazy Snake stories.

Spring house cleaning is now in order in the state house at Lincoln.

Anyway, it has been pretty well demonstrated that the Dingley schedules are not sacred.

"What will the men do about stockings?" asks the New York World. Marry them, as usual.

Now if Mayor "Jim" had only been elected governor, no one would be in doubt as to what he would do.

No use in trying to take Hoboken off the map. Mr. Roosevelt sailed from that point on his trip to Africa.

Every time Ransom and Howell succeed in breaking into the legislature it takes them ten years to live it down.

"How to Get Rid of Cobwebs" is the title of a magazine article. Refuse to invest until Oyster Bay furnishes a testimonial.

President Taft eats only an apple for lunch, but you will notice that he is not writing any testimonials for the Ben Davis.

Really, the only backward spring sign is the refusal of Chancellor Day of Syracuse university to join the Optimists' club.

"Minneapolis and St. Paul are to be consolidated," says the New York World, which still retains its keen sense of humor.

Mr. Bryan can not lay claim to the Taft policies. Think of Mr. Bryan sending a 228-word message to congress, or any other subject.

Mr. Harriman says the railroad business needs straightening out. Is this a confession that the railroad business is or has been crooked?

The real error of the Payne tariff bill lies in the fact that its framers classed as "luxuries" what every woman knows as necessities.

"What is the greatest need of charity work?" asks a magazine writer. The greatest need is a list of persons who will donate self congratulation.

Would it be fair to speak of the clock-like regularity with which protests against the stocking schedule are being forwarded to Washington?

No matter what the weather man at Washington did on inauguration day he may square himself by furnishing fine weather for the practice games.

The Turkish sultan's boss astrologer is dead. In that event the sultan may decide his future course by drawing straws or shaking dice with himself.

Speaker Cannon proposes to spend his summer vacation in the New Hampshire hills. Wonder why he does not spend his vacation in New Mexico or Arizona?

A socialist candidate for mayor carried five wards in the city election at Los Angeles. California is apparently as peculiar in politics as it is in other respects.

In the vicinity of the South pole, 30 degrees below zero is considered mild weather. A citizen of the South pole vicinity would suffer terribly at Duluth or Medicine Hat.

The Late Legislature.

Of the late legislature from which Nebraska has just happily escaped with what was left the least said the better, because not much can be said about it that is good.

Coming after the previous republican legislature, whose magnificent work was acclaimed with approval by fair-minded people of all political parties and forced encomiums even from the most partisan opposing organs, the late demo-nop legislature shines most brilliantly by contrast.

Nebraska has had many legislatures of which it could scarcely be proud, but we doubt if it has ever had an assemblage of lawmakers including so many disreputables as this, so cut up into cross-working factions, so helpless to solve the problems before them requiring constructive work, so completely in control of the corporation lobby in and outside of the legislative halls.

Just how much damage has been done by this aggregation of statute tinkers and spoils-mongers cannot yet be estimated, but must wait upon inventory of the output of the demo-pop law foundry which shall finally find a lodging place in the statute books. In one thing alone the late legislature will have something to point to, and that is the huge quantity of half-baked laws on which it has put its seal.

We feel perfectly safe in saying that had the legislature enacted appropriation bills and gone home without doing another thing Nebraska would have been far better off and our people would have had real cause for rejoicing.

That Easter Bonnet.

Nothing but compassion can be offered to the mournful male correspondent who has written to know what he shall do to compel his wife to wear "a decent-looking hat." His case is hopeless. There is nothing he can do. He errs, in the first place, in imagining that he knows what "a decent-looking hat" would be like. He has doubtless been going along in his battike way imagining that with women, as with men, a hat was primarily designed to cover the head and protect it from the sun, rain, cold or snow and that the shape is really of little consequence. Having accepted that false premise, he need have no hope of ever being satisfied with any hat his wife may select for her personal adornment.

Woman bows to fashion as she yields to fate. She would be beautiful, of course, in any garb, and mere man is sometimes convinced that she is trying to prove that her personal beauty is enough to triumph over any collection of hideous things stacked on her head. The normal and logical do not enter into her calculations when fashion's decree is under consideration. If fashion favors large hats, the feminine headgear monopolizes all the available space in the neighborhood. If the shifting mandate of style calls for smallness the hat becomes smaller than the bill. Should fashion demand a zoological exhibit, the world is scoured for feathers and plumes and adornments that would make a peacock green with envy.

The Easter hat this year, according to the advance announcements, is to rise to great heights above the head and drop to alarming distances below the ears of the wearer. It will be huge, built out with false work and swelled by puffs. It may look like a mushroom growing in some dank morass. It may take the coal scuttle shape or be fashioned after the peach basket, with trimmings of wings, vegetables, ribbons or anything else that the woman can afford to buy or happens to have around the house. Whatever form it may take, the mere man may as well decide that he likes it. If he doesn't he may lump it, for where fashion dictates woman is adamant as against all arguments.

A Century of America.

"The First Census of the United States" is the title of a volume just issued by the federal government, which contains many highly interesting features upon which to base a comparison with the America of today and the nation of 1790, the date of the first official census. The volume also contains a summary of some of the early colonial census reports, thirty-eight in number.

The most striking feature of the early census report, from a comparative standpoint, is the constant decline in the size of the American white family. In 1790 the number of children under 16 years of age and the number of adults was practically equal. In 1900 there were 23,846,810 children and 43,049,595 adults. The proportion of children to adults had sunk from 49 per cent in 1790 to 34 in 1900. In 1790 families composed of six or more persons nearly one-half the total. In 1900 they represented scarcely one-fourth the population. The number of children to each white family decreased from 2.8 in 1790 to 1.5 in 1900, a decline of nearly 50 per cent. Had the number of the children to the family maintained the ratio that held in 1790 the number of children in the 1900 census would have been about 29,000 larger than it was. On this point the census report says:

The people of the United States have been able to rear children, at any rate without personal sacrifice, under the conditions which prevailed in 1800, as their predecessors proved themselves to be under conditions prevailing in 1790.

The first census was printed after the manner of a city directory, the surnames of all families being given. This was soon abandoned as useless, but the report shows some rather curious facts. In a population of 3,172,244 there were only 27,340 surnames.

Of these the Smith family lead, with a total of 33,245, with the Brown family second, with 19,275. The Davis family of 14,300 lead the Jones tribe by about 2,000 and the Johnson, Williams, Miller and Wilson families came in the order named, the English furnishing 83 per cent of the white stock of the nation at that time. In 1900 the white population was about evenly divided between the descendants of persons enumerated in 1790 and of later arrivals.

King Edward and Hot Milk.

Some weeks ago, when the prince of Wales presided at the dinner of the Savage club, it was noticed that he drank large quantities of hot milk. He explained that King Edward, whose ill-health had been the cause of much concern and worry for some time, had recently taken to the drinking of hot milk as a regular beverage and had grown robustly strong and was now in his old form. Thereupon all London developed a hot milk craze and it is reported that the hotel bars cannot keep up with the demand. The liquor nightcap has been discarded and the lacteal one substituted.

The English have never cured themselves of the fad of following the example of royalty in every possible way and the hot milk craze threatens to be the most pronounced of any of the fads that has taken hold of the Britons for a long time. They have all the proof needed of the efficacy of the treatment. It is now no secret that King Edward has been in a very bad way, from a health standpoint, for some months. Of course, the public policy of politely lying about the king's health has been followed, but all England knows that the king's condition was at one time so grave that his court advisers did everything but rehearse the coronation ceremonies for his successor, but hot milk has triumphed and the parking promises to equal the record of some of his predecessors in the matter of longevity.

England's kings have been a long-lived lot, a hard heart and good digestion having been the equipment of most of them. The first George lived to be 87, the second 77 and the third died at 82. George IV lived to be 68, William IV was 72 when he died and Queen Victoria was near to completing her 82d year. At the age of 68 King Edward, in spite of the somewhat rapid pace he traveled in his younger days, is now reported to be a good life insurance risk, due largely, it is asserted, to his fondness for scalding hot milk. The hot milk diet has been spasmodically popular in this country and it may gain new recruits after this kindly testimonial to its excellence.

A Word for Dr. Wiley.

The announcement from Washington that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley is to be retained at the head of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture and given full charge of the enforcement of the national pure food law will be welcomed by that large share of the public that has become familiar with Dr. Wiley's work and the unrelenting warfare waged against him since the pure food law was adopted about three years ago.

Dr. Wiley is something of a crank, in his way, and has made some orders and rulings that have brought him into ridicule and criticism, but it is generally admitted, except by manufacturers who have insisted in using improper methods, that he has been one of the staunchest friends of the American stomach. Late in Mr. Roosevelt's administration the opponents of Dr. Wiley became so determined and brought so much influence to bear that for a time it looked as though he might be forced out of his position. President Taft, however, has accepted the opinion of Secretary Wilson that Dr. Wiley's errors have been made on the safe side by taking no chances and that he should be retained to continue the food reform work which he was so active in getting started.

When the first disclosures were made by Dr. Wiley some years ago that the people were eating preserves made of rotten fruits, honey made of glucose, vegetables preserved by dangerous poisons and that nearly everything in the canned goods lines had been doctored, the popular indignation was great and any demand for his removal at that time would have been met by an overwhelming storm of protest. But while Dr. Wiley has gone along, steadily camping on the trail of the dishonest manufacturers, his enemies have been working for his undoing. That they have failed will be cause for general congratulation. The American consumer may now buy food to eat with the chances largely in favor of getting pure and unadulterated products, and the lion's share of the credit for this must go to Dr. Wiley.

Catching the Navy Fever.

Canada has caught the Dreadnought microbe and as a result has made a proposition to Great Britain that is at least suggestive of future plans which the Canadian authorities may have up their sleeves. Canada offers the home country a couple of battleships equal to the best in Britain's navy. It is conditioned that Canada build the fighting vessels, man and maintain them and keep them in Canadian waters unless they should be called elsewhere by imperial need in time of war. In that event they would be returned to Canadian waters after the trouble had blown over. In plain terms, Canada asks England's permission to build and maintain a powerful Canadian navy, on condition that England can borrow it once in a while. This may mean a spirit of loyalty to the mother country and it may mean the manifestation of a spirit of Canadian independence, which has been

growing somewhat rapidly in recent years. The unfortunate feature of the situation is that Canada cannot afford to encourage a case of the Dreadnought fever. Canada is but 42 years old and is in debt head over heels. The development of the vast area of country has gone on more rapidly than the growth of population. The Dominion, with a population of less than 7,000,000, has a debt of about \$500,000,000, and the direct taxes are already burdensome upon the people. The addition of a navy building tax would be a high price to pay for a patriotic impulse.

Pensions for Ex-Presidents.

Each congress apparently has a few members who feel it their duty to offer measures for the relief of the former presidents of the United States. At the present session one bill already offered makes ex-presidents honorary members of the senate for life, at a salary of \$25,000. Another provides that ex-presidents shall have a seat in the house with the pay and privileges of members, but shall not be allowed to vote. Still another proposes for an ex-president a flat pension of \$25,000 per annum.

On general principles none of these propositions reflect any great wisdom on the part of those offering them nor do they appeal to the people. The record shows that former presidents of the United States get along tolerably well without help from the government. They are at liberty to do literary or lecture work, engage in any of the professions or follow any vocation to their liking. Should they desire to re-enter public life seats in either house of congress are open to them, if they can get the support of the voters of their states. If they cannot get this support it would be difficult to understand how they could have any particular value to the government in those positions.

No convincing argument has been urged in favor of making the former president a member of either the senate or the house, unless he comes bearing the credentials of a specific constituency. From the financial standpoint, no president has ever left the White House lacking money for legitimate needs. General Grant's financial embarrassment grew out of a business venture he should never have made. The others have either retired from the White House to a quiet life or have engaged in more or less lucrative pursuits in private life.

Should an ex-president meet with some physical affliction or, for any reason, be found in need of financial assistance, a generous republic may be relied upon to go to his relief, but as a general proposition ex-presidents may be depended upon to take care of themselves.

A Blow at Vaccination.

The supreme court of Illinois has taken a backward step by deciding that boards of health have no right or power to make vaccination a condition precedent to admitting a child to the public schools. The decision is based on the proposition children and their parents are "free" and must be protected in their individual personal rights.

The question is not a new one, but the Illinois case is, we believe, the first in which the courts have ruled against the police power of the health authorities. While individuals and organizations may oppose vaccination for any reason, if there is anything in the history of medicine which can be set down as a demonstrable fact it is that the discovery of Jenner has annihilated the danger from smallpox. It is also an established fact of public policy that the way offered for any community to become immune from the once dreaded disease, by the use of vaccination, cannot be blocked by the refusal of ignorant or prejudiced parents to submit to rules prescribed for the protection of the general health.

Persia's Minister Quits.

A change that is marked with some elements of pathos is about to take place in the diplomatic corps at Washington. General Morteza Kahn, the Persian minister, is selling out his Washington residence with the intention of returning to Persia to make a living in some other manner. He has had a lot of difficulty for several years of securing any direct communication with his country and, according to reports, his pay check has always been lost in the mails. At least he has decided to abandon his post, thereby ending in failure Persia's third attempt to maintain a diplomatic representative in the United States.

General Kahn has made a desperate effort to keep his government's place in the diplomatic corps. Among a people to whom he is an alien in speech, customs and ideals he has repeated little but heartaches out of his five years in Washington. His recognition has been only at the State department, where diplomatic formality is a part of the regular order of the day. He has had no real business with this government and but little to do except to wear his gold lace, bought at his own expense, and maintain the dignity of a monarch who has apparently forgotten his existence. That sort of a thing naturally falls on even the staunchest patriot and so the general is going home to give his nerves a rest.

So far as the publicity proposition is concerned, Theodore Roosevelt Jr. has quit making carpets in order to make hay, while his father is in the African jungles.

That woman in the White kidnapping case attempted to jump from a

train that was going forty miles an hour. Nothing startling about that, as the evidence shows that she had grown accustomed to traveling at a swift pace.

The proposition to dock absentees from congress will not work the hardships that it would in the days when the Bennings races were on and passes between Washington and New York were to be had for the asking.

The London Times refers to President Eliot as "an American who has been active in educational affairs of that nation." Simply astonishing how quickly those London newspapers get on to the facts.

Congressman Sheppard of Texas proposes a tax of \$2 each on all dirks, revolvers, brass knucks and other lethal weapons. The significance of the proposition is that it comes from a Texas man.

President Taft recently referred to "the great state of Delaware." The president must have seen the state when the tide was out and all three of its counties were showing above the surface.

Governor Haskell says that Crazy Snake does not amount to much. It is generally understood, speaking in the presence of the governor, that Crazy Snake is not the worst Indian in Oklahoma.

The oft proved rule, "Never write a man's obituary until he is dead," has been again exemplified by the Nebraska legislature, which has just sung its swan song.

Rats have eaten a large share of the free seeds stored in Washington for distribution by congressmen. Still, a lot of folks will insist upon the extermination of rats.

Good Indian in the Working.

If those bad Indians keep up their pranks there are liable to be some additions to the list of good ones before long.

A Dignified Friend.

Prosperity is undoubtedly returning, according to the Treasury Department figures, but in a more dignified way than formerly characterized its movements. There are no leaps and bounds.

Taking a Large Contract.

A Chicago minister announces that he is going to devote the rest of his life to saving the souls of millionaires. He can at least finish with the self-satisfaction of having "done his duty."

Method in His "Madness."

The average family in the United States has decreased some 20 per cent in size since the first census was taken. Here is another pointer for those people who persist in seeing no method in some of Mr. Roosevelt's madness.

Exclusive Army Clubs.

The officers who make up the membership of the "exclusive" army clubs will probably feel aggrieved at the order of the secretary of war prohibiting the use of government quarters to those clubs which do not extend to all army officers the rights of full membership. But if they consider the order apart from its effect upon themselves as individuals, its wisdom and justice will appeal to them.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

A million dollar fire in Havana looks quite Americanese.

A test of the gas meters of New York shows that the fast ones outnumber the slow one three to one. President Cortelyou is not saying a word, but he enjoys a joke just the same.

The question, "What is whisky?" having been corralled in the federal supreme court, the rival pacer, "What is a democrat?" kicked over the traces and is running wild in Washington.

Members of the Annapolis club are coming out of the woods. Bailey, Miles, Storer, Schley and others are timidly knocking at the door of the White House and viewing the adjacent scenery. Whitney and Chandler are overdue.

A St. Louis alarmist, having studied the year's directory, announces that the Smith family is growing at an amazing rate, and will eventually wipe all other names off the state. The Smiths are not saying a word but attending strictly to the business in hand.

The Cleveland clergyman who failed for over a million dollars remarks with familiar pathos that "lack of funds" prevented the success of his schemes. Every squeezed promoter from Colonel Sellers down reproached a niggardly public in similar terms.

A judge at Sterling, Ill., informed the parents of two disobedient girls that parental slippers properly applied lends a more lasting impression on tender minds than a fine. The court turned its face to the wall while the parent got busy and saved the money.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

You cannot conquer any weakness by cooing it. The only pleasures enjoyed are those that are earned.

Love is eternal because it never worries about dying. They are most harmed by flattery who are most hungry for it.

Measure the appreciation you bestow by that which you desire. Taking a by-path to avoid duty we are sure to meet our deserts.

The mark of a free man is that he binds himself to some high duty. No man comes to himself until he knows that he belongs to his world.

It is better to be wrecked through overzeal than to rot from overcaution. The power to comfort others does not come from consoling yourself.

The leader heart easily learns how to praise the golden rule in alvery tones. Hypocrisy is simply failure to credit other people with ordinary discernment. Citizenship in heaven will not exempt you from either taxes or service here.

You never know how much good there is in men until some dark day falls on us all. You may know how heaven regards money when you see the people who have it.

Some seem to think the best evidence of being the salt of the earth is ability to make folks smart. The man who gets out his ear trumpet when his neighbors are being roasted puts it in his pocket when the collection for the needy is announced.—Chicago Tribune.



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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

George—Do you believe the woman ever lived who could truly say to her lover that he was the first man she had ever kissed? Madge—Yes; Eve.—Life.

Mrs. Gillet—So there is a tablet in your transcript to her memory. Did she do anything bring people into the church? Mrs. Perry—Well, I guess. She wore a new hat every Sunday for three years.—Harper's Bazar.

"I'll never offer to be a sister to another man." "Why not?" "The last one, under the guise of brotherly advice, told me some very unpalatable truths."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Mr. Jones, I wish to marry your daughter." "Does she want to marry you?" "She says she does." "Pshaw! Is that all you know about women?"—Baltimore American.

"Mrs. Frost always chooses a cross-eyed nurse maid." "Why that?" "So when the girl has one eye on the policeman she can have the other on the children."—Life.

Jones—Well, you and I won't be neighbors much longer. I'm going to live in a better locality. Smith—So am I. Jones—What are you going to move, too? Smith—No, I'm going to stay here.—Cleveland Leader.

He—If I'd known how sarcastic you were I never should have married you. She—You had a chance to notice it.

Didn't I say, "This is so sudden," when you proposed to me after four years' courtship?—Boston Transcript.

Asst. Parent—Just let me catch you flirting with that young Harbaling once. Pretty Daughter—All right, ma'am; I will if I can.—Chicago Tribune.

TO MR. CARNEGIE.

'Twas a guile round sum ye wad gie us, laddie, And monie the thanks to you, But ah, there are fools in the warl, laddie, That ken not the heart thair's true.

And then, there are the reformers, laddie, Reformers who do not reform, Together they act like a lion, laddie, And, alas, they have turned ye down.

The guile folk fought for it long, laddie, They fought for it guile and tight, But slack, it war a sad time, laddie, For now they have turned ye down.

If ye wad gie me a draft, laddie, Payable on sight, Tho' my hand should tremble, laddie, I'd clutch it guile and tight.

I wad rush off to the bank, laddie, Before the sun had set, Ah, I wadna turn ye down, laddie, I wadna turn ye down.

If ye wad gie me a check, laddie, I'd follow my lucky star, And hie me to the city, laddie, To buy me a bright new car.

It's gude money a'right, laddie, As gude money as ever was seen, And ah, for a wee bit, laddie, To buy me an auto machine.

—Levinig, KATHREIN, Stromsburg, Neb.

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