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The Fourth would be much sorer if congress would only adjourn.

It has not developed whether Castle Gould has gone dry since the family differences.

Does putting works of art over 20 years old on the free list include the chorus girl?

A safe and sane automobile race is the latest suggestion. Plans and specifications are wanting up to date.

Anyhow, those Tennesseans showed they were real sports—they would not shoot at balloons unless they were flying.

These June rains are very nearly what the doctor ordered and the water will come back to us later in the way of golden grain.

Senator Bailey asserts he is so good a democrat that he had even voted for himself. He is entitled to an instructed verdict.

Modern research is playing havoc with old traditions. They now say King Canute wanted to arrest the tide because it was full.

Scientists assert hippa talpoida make the bass bait. If you are not a scientist take the small boys' name and call it a sand-bug.

A social philosopher advises people not to borrow trouble. Still, it is about the only thing you can borrow without putting up collateral.

Now if Dean Ward were only twins or triplets he might satisfy the demands of all those medical schools that are competing for his services.

The Atlanta Constitution devotes half a column to discussing the question whether the Georgia watermelon is in danger. Leave it unguarded and see.

After the mayor and councilmen have played the lion and lamb act, pressure for spectators' benches in the council chamber should be materially relieved.

Prof Foster has been expelled from the Baptist association, but he still has his job with Chicago university and has accumulated a lot of valuable advertising.

If trouble should be raised over the firing on a British ship by a Russian torpedo boat, the commander will probably plead that he did not know it was loaded.

American tourists are said to have spent \$625,000 in London last week. That is where thrifty John Bull gets the money to buy his flour and a few other indispensables.

The Wright brothers would never do in congress. When presented with medals by the "home folks" they merely said "Thank you," and went back to work.

Seattle reports a falling off in marriage licenses issued. Probably young people with eastern relatives do not care to undertake housekeeping until after the exposition closes.

The Houston Post contends that the Garden of Eden was located in Texas. If so, there is every indication that it was caught up in one of those Texas sephyrs and moved, a prodigious distance.

Two Questions Answered.

Two questions have been propounded to The Bee by the Good Government League of San Francisco, which have doubtless been directed also to leading newspapers throughout the country, and which, we feel sure, will elicit responses practically all in the same tenor. The questions are:

1. Does the prosecution of wealthy persons charged with civic crimes injure business, or does it improve the financial standing of a city, in the eyes of outside investors? Why?

2. Would San Francisco profit financially by abandoning the present prosecution, or would it be to the permanent material advantage of the city to prosecute to a final determination the indicted "higher ups," so-called? Why?

1. Prosecution of "malefactors of great wealth" charged with civic crimes cannot injure legitimate business and ought to improve the financial standing of a city. The investment of money is a purely calculating proposition and people like to invest money in cities where they feel confident that it will not only make good returns, but also be safe against plunder either by grafting public officials or plutocratic outlaws.

2. It would be well for San Francisco to go on with its prosecutions if it has evidence enough to warrant reasonable expectation of conviction. To carry on a prosecution which it is known in advance is bound to fail would be money wasted, with no sufficient compensating advantages in the free advertising.

San Francisco should decide to go on or to stop without reference to whether the culprits are "higher up" or "lower down," and in its determination be guided by the same considerations that would govern in any prosecution for any other crime of equal seriousness.

This general proposition is unassailable—it never hurts a business institution, a political party, a city or a commonwealth to purge itself of dishonest and recreant officials or members.

Mediating Industrial Disputes.

In well-informed circles President Taft is credited with an intention to recommend to congress legislation broadening the scope of federal mediation in labor disputes involving interstate commerce, particularly where public rights and convenience are concerned.

There is no intention to make arbitration compulsory or its awards binding, but simply to expand the scope of the Erdmann act, which has already done much to help settle differences between employers and employees.

The Erdmann act requires that at least one party to the dispute shall request the services of the Interstate Commerce commission and the commissioner of labor before these officials may intervene, and it is now proposed to make it their duty when conditions warrant it to attempt a settlement of differences.

The principal advantage expected to be gained is an effort at settlement before the parties to controversies become embittered and stubborn through conflict.

Transportation and producing companies have grown so that strikes affect a much larger per cent of the country's business than formerly, and in the case of many railroad systems and manufacturing concerns a stoppage of one paralyzes a large portion of the nation's business. Such a strike is not simply a controversy between a company and its employees, but the public has an equity in it.

Prompt mediation by a recognized impartial tribunal could doubtless in a majority of the cases bring the divergent interests together to their own and the public advantage.

Canadian Railroad Invasion.

Control by the Canadian Pacific of a number of railroads in the United States presents an entirely new problem in rate regulation. For years the Canadian road has owned the Soo line and it has recently acquired the Wisconsin Central, giving it entrance into Chicago. It has lines reaching Seattle on the Pacific coast and now rumor has it the Canadian company has purchased the New York, Ontario & Western and the Boston & Maine.

The lines in the United States owned by the Canadian road can be made to comply with the rate laws and regulations of this country, but on freight to the seaboard, passing partly over the Canadian Pacific, the question of regulation is different. The proportional of the rate taken by the Canadian line can be manipulated at will, so far as our laws are concerned, and if the Canadian Pacific desires it can not only demoralize traffic matters, but make serious inroads into the business of lines this side of the border. Railroad managers admit that under existing law there is no remedy, but this does not signify that one cannot be found.

Hitherto the railroads on this side of the border have dominated the situation, but the new developments indicate that they may not longer do so to the same extent. The western shipper is not so much concerned; in fact, the Canadian competition is likely to be a rate equalizer, but the seaboard cities of the United States are greatly agitated and with good cause. Montreal has become a formidable competitor for export grain traffic.

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Friends of Explorer Peary express the belief that he has reached the north pole and that he will report back at civilization in August or September. If he leaves so soon he will not be there to welcome Wellman when he arrives.

Ak-Sar-Ben welcomes them all and treats them all alike. The Printing Pressmen and the Big Eagles are now convinced of the sincerity of Omaha's welcome. The hospitality extended these visitors will bear the closest inspection.

Facing a prison term, one of the New York smugglers is before the grand jury to tell what he knows. It is possible that the shoe may pinch some aristocratic toes before the thing is finished.

The Board of Education is kept busy providing new rooms to meet the steadily growing demand for school accommodations in Omaha, which is another sure indication of the city's growth.

Desirable Signal Corps Recruit. St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The fact that a Nebraska aeronaut dropped 2,500 feet without being hurt shows that the right man is in charge of the aeroplane experiments in that state.

Scales Beyond Reach. New York Post.

The sugar trust is afraid that the present inflated state of the public mind stands in the way of a fair trial. Unfortunately the trust is not in a position to slip a steel spring into the scales of justice.

We Never Cry "Enough." Brooklyn Eagle.

The secret of flying is bound to be mastered when a Nebraska blacksmith, who fell half a mile, refused to be discouraged, but went straight to work on a new machine. But it is a Nebraska falling not to know when you have had punishment enough.

Wonders Never Cease. Pittsburg Dispatch.

When the railroads prosecute shippers who demand rebates they set a new precedent. It is a much better one than the old precedent of giving the rebate when the shipper had the pull. But to make the new precedent most impressive the prosecution should be directed carefully against the biggest shippers.

The Aldrich Tariff Idea. Boston Transcript.

The assertion of Senator Brown of Nebraska that the cost of production of print paper is less in the United States than it is in Canada would not disturb the Aldrich leadership, even if Brown proved his case. Which he is not unlikely to do. Aldrich has rejected the view that the tariffs should be abandoned in such circumstances, notably in the steel schedules. He wants a tariff to be an insurance against any peculiar circumstance which might open the way to an invasion of our markets.

The Greedy Postoffice. National Marine.

Some idea of the quantity of material used by the postal service may be gained when it is stated that during last year the division furnished 225,000,000 yards of twine, 3,200,000 pens, 283,000 penholders, 650,000 pencils, and 2,600,000 blank cards. To wrap the bundles 4,500,000 sheets of wrapping paper were used. Blank forms are furnished by the millions. Of the form "Application for Domestic Money Order," which is seen in the lobby of every postoffice, there were 161,770,000 used last year, and during the same period 6,084 rubber stamps were manufactured and supplied to postoffices.

Rockefellerizing the State University. Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

It happens to be an unfavorable year in Nebraska for Rockefellerizing the state university. Some say it is Bryan's influence that keeps the stream of benevolence from submerging the institution; in that case, the governor and chancellor are acting in accordance with Mr. Bryan's wishes in refusing to approve a petition signed by the students asking that Mr. Rockefeller be given the opportunity to equip the new athletic field at a cost of \$50,000. If the governor and the chancellor have acted entirely on their own initiative, so much the better. The University of Nebraska is a state institution and its needs should be provided by the legislature. Special appeals to millionaires for money are degrading to the commonwealth.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Senator Aldrich enlisted as a private in the civil war, but was mustered out before his regiment got to the front.

A Virginia court has decided that a human toe is worth \$165.75. How much would that be a running foot?

Princess Alexandra, the first grandchild of the king and queen of England to reach the age of 15, has just walked in the royal procession at Buckingham palace, which is the way in which royal princesses make their debut.

The Mr. Smith of Philadelphia who threw his wife out of a fourth story window because she had declined to procure for him a frothy receptacle of beer known in his circles as a "kettle of suds," ought to be sentenced to jail for the term of his unnatural E. Stevenson, former vice president of the United States, has written a book. The title of the book is "Something of Men I Have Known." For several years Mr. Stevenson has been working at odd times on his reminiscences of famous men with whom he was acquainted.

Governor Sanders of Louisiana has appointed eighty-nine citizens to his "military" staff. There are only four in the lot who have to do with the captaincies. The rest of the commissions being about equally divided among the three higher grades. Louisiana has about 1,500 men in its organized militia.

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sacrificed in the conference committee. Dolliver prophesied that the advanced rate on potatoes granted at the request of DuPont of Delaware would be eliminated and that the advanced duties on history of the house bill which are advocated by Penrose of Pennsylvania would be retained. "That will be a sorrowful time," declared Dolliver, "when the potatoes of the senator from Delaware, going out with tears in their eyes, shall meet the stockings of the senator from Pennsylvania going in."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Detroit Free Press. Mother says she dreads it so, sister don't mind. "Cause her beau is going for the day. All the kids are praying: "Mr. Weather Man, be kind. Please to keep your rainstorms far away." When it really happens, everybody's glad to go. "Captin' dear old dad, who says he hates it so!"

Takes a week of coxkin' ere he says he'll go along. "Really, I'm too busy," he declares: "Cannot leave the office," is the subject of his song. "No one can look after my affairs." "Can't get on without you," mother says. "You've got to go." "Don't insist," says father, "for I hate it so!"

When the picnic days rolls round, all of us get up Early in the morning, so as not to miss the boat. Dad gets busy hunting for his patent drinking cup. Puts it in the pocket of his coat. Mother packs a basket full of lunch and then we go. Everybody smiling, 'cepting dad, who hates it so!

See him at the picnic with the basket everywhere. Sister's wraps and mother's wraps and their umbrellas, too. Lugging round the garments that perhaps they'll want to wear— See the splash of custard pie upon his trousers, new! Bugs and flies are eating him, no one helps him, though. Dad's a slave on picnic day, that's why he hates it so.

LAUGHING GAS.

"You may take the witness stand, madam," said the lawyer. "Where is the stand, sir?" demanded the austere matron, adjusting her eye glasses. "See nothing but a chair,"—Chicago Tribune.

"I should think Mr. Bestem's debts would keep him walking the floor." "They don't. But they keep a lot of bill collectors walking the streets."—Baltimore American.

"You little vixen!" snapped the multimillionaire's vexinh' wife. "O, well," he said, yawning drearily; "I suppose, everybody knows I lead a dog's life."—Chicago Tribune.

"How did Bligains come to be so highly esteemed as a weather prophet?" "By his optimism. When there is a

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