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Now put the house in order for King Ak-Sar-Ben XV.

The end of the world is a periodical visitation that never arrives.

When it's all over, everybody will be wondering what it was all about.

Just a coincidence that the Half Moon comes in at the right time of the month.

One week of street car strike has been proved to be just one week of it too much.

No foal parent has yet had the temerity to name twins after Cook and Peary.

Our foot ball players will proceed to demonstrate the progress the game has made since last year.

After feeding so long on musk ox and blubber no wonder those pole climbers take kindly to festal banquets.

Airship insurance has not yet been worked around to the point that makes the widows and orphans feel comfortable over it.

What about our women's club? Isn't it about time for the club women to come to the front and help us mere men to save the country?

Any over-zealous advocate of the income tax who can't wait is privileged to incorporate himself and contribute to the federal treasury at once.

When Kansas City really opens up its new union depot for business it may want to build an addition to receive steamboat passengers navigating the Kaw.

No tears are being shed over the demise of the high school fraternities. The high school boys and girls will not lack for fields of activity without them.

That delegation of commercial commissioners from Japan has been doing Chicago. From now on the visiting Japs will appreciate what they see all the more.

As might have been anticipated, the saddest thing about that conviction of a Chicago police inspector for graft is that they haven't been able to find out who got the money.

The only place where Mr. Roosevelt's magazine story is open to impeachment is where he tells about listening for hours to the tales of adventure recounted by a fellow passenger.

If the state platform promulgated by Nebraska republicans "saved the day" for the president in securing the tariff concessions he demanded, that is just what it was intended to do.

The use of drugs as medicines is said to be going out of fashion. The good old homely remedies grandmother used to prescribe hold their own against all iconoclastic innovations.

All reports agree that the military tournament which the troops of the Department of the Missouri have been holding at Des Moines is an unequalled success. These tournaments afford the soldiers good practice and diversion and educate the public to the usefulness of the army. They are a good thing and should be encouraged.

Reformation of the Commission.

The advocacy by President Taft of the creation of a new and exclusive court to consider appeals from the rulings of the Interstate Commerce commission and to relieve the federal courts of this work in the same manner that the new customs court is to relieve it from litigation growing out of the tariff law, foreshadows a readjustment and reformation of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The difficulty which confronts any plan to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission, and to add to its work, is, that the commission as now constituted and with its present powers and duties, is entirely inadequate to the demands upon it which have grown so fast, and become so complicated, that no such single body can fulfill its purpose satisfactorily.

What is needed, The Bee believes and has already urged, is a division of the country into districts for purposes of railway supervision and regulation corresponding more or less to the traffic divisions along which the railroads have themselves organized traffic associations and the reorganizing of the Interstate Commerce commission so that there shall be a sub-commission for each district to investigate and pass on local matters, subject to review of the Interstate Commerce commission or appeal to the Interstate Commerce court, somewhat in the fashion of the federal circuit and supreme courts.

A body with the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission within its easy reach and ready to transact business with dispatch in each traffic division would make effective the various rate regulations and Interstate Commerce commission laws as they were intended to operate. Uniformity of rulings would be secured by review and appeal, and undue delay, whose certainty now prevents people from asserting their rights, would become the exception instead of the rule.

Mr. Roosevelt's Narrative.

The first installment of Mr. Roosevelt's narrative of his African hunting trip constitutes a thoroughly characteristic contribution to the current scribbles, which has engaged with him to publish the story.

Mr. Roosevelt wastes little time on preliminaries and jumps the reader quickly into the heart of Africa, with accompanying comment on the value of the work which the British and the Germans have been doing there as civilizers, and a word of contrast emphasizing the great advances made by the negro in America over the descendants of his slave-hunted ancestors in Africa.

In the very middle of the article is a truly Rooseveltian preachment on the value of game reserves and the benefits accruing from the intelligent framing of game laws, which, as he would evidently have it, should be an integral part of every plan for conservation of natural resources.

Cashing in the Pole.

The one thing that threatens to dim the luster of the North Pole discovery, assuming that both the claimants are in position to make good, is their over-zeal to cash in their Polar experiences. All the talk about self-sacrificing devotion to science and patriotic endeavor to secure first honors for the Stars and Stripes, above all other flags, does not comport well with the sudden transformation of the quest for the pole into the quest for the dollar.

The copyright notice of the newspaper account of the Peary expedition gave the information that it had been issued first as a copyrighted book, and a few copies exposed for sale, before any part of it was reproduced by any newspaper in the United States and Europe, in order to obtain full protection of the copyright law.

Government by the People.

In the campaign last year the defeated candidate tried to rally his forces with the slogan, "Let the people rule," carrying the implied inference that under the then existing administration, and under the administration of his successful competitor, popular government was impossible.

Despite the lamentations of the discontented, and despite the demagoguery of the discredited, the fact remains that we have a government which in all the substantial things gives the people what they want. The most valuable feature of our own form of government is that which enables the majority of the people to have their way by registering their votes for public servants of their choice, and approving or rejecting the principles and policies upon which they may take issue.

Nothing exemplifies so strikingly the popular character of our government than this very tour of the president in contrast with the tours of European monarchs. Our president openly and avowedly goes forth to meet the people whose government he represents, and to get in touch with them, their ideas and their points of view, while the European monarch travels solely for his own pleasure, with seldom a thought of ascertaining what sort of government his subjects want him to give them.

Those who are disposed to deal impartially with history will admit the truth that from the very foundation of the republic we have never had a government so fully under the control of the people of today. We have never had suffrage so universal, we have never had elections so free, we have never had the ballot so well safeguarded, we have never had public officials so conscientious nor so appreciative of their representative capacity.

Publicity for Hospitals.

At the annual meeting of the American Hospital association held in Washington last week the committee report presented by the superintendent of the Buffalo General hospital, in calling attention to the tremendous growth and improvement of hospital service in the last fifteen years, incidentally urges full publicity of hospital affairs and insists that it is entirely ethical for hospitals to present their advantages before the public in an attractive manner, and in such a way as to encourage the confidence of the public and the knowledge among patients that their interests are being carefully guarded.

Simply a Fresh Spot.

Washington Herald: That little blue dab that you see in your new geography, Johnny, is the North pole. Otherwise, you will find the situation about as you left it last June.

An Overflowing Measure.

Indianapolis News: There being no political significance attached to the entertainment afforded by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha, nothing occurred to mar the president's enjoyment of the occasion.

The Idea and the Tribute.

Chicago Inter Ocean: The immense volume of real regrets from so many, so diverse and so noteworthy sources, represents largely a general tribute to the specific idea for which Governor Johnson stood more than any of the other leaders of his party—historic democratic common sense and conservatism.

The Luxurious West.

Boston Herald: Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Chancellor Strong of the University of Kansas should be muzzled. By their vivid pictures of western farmers' and students' luxury they will destroy the industry of western college presidents and academy promoters who for generations have flocked to New England with appeals for aid for their "struggling institutions in the midst of poverty-stricken surroundings." Anything which undermines the tradition that the east must forever go on being "charitable" to the west is most reprehensible.

President Taft on Labor

From Speech Delivered at Chicago September 16, 1909.

"I know there is an element among employers of labor and investors of capital which is utterly opposed to the organization of labor. I cannot sympathize with this element in the slightest degree. I think it is a wise course for laborers to unite to defend their interests. It is a wise course for them to provide a fund by which should occasion arise and strikes or lockouts follow those who lose their places may be supported pending an adjustment of the difficulties.

"There is not the slightest doubt that if labor had remained unorganized wages would be much lower. It is true that in the end they would probably be fixed by the law of supply and demand, but generally before this law manifests itself there is a period in which labor, if organized and acting together, can compel the employer promptly to recognize the change of conditions and advance wages to meet a rising market and an increase in profits, and, on the other hand, can delay the too quick impulse of the employer facing a less prosperous future to economize by reducing wages.

"There is a higher standard of living among American laborers than in any other country in the world, and while there have doubtless been a good many other reasons for this, certainly the effect of the organization of labor has been to maintain a steady and high rate of wages making such a standard of living possible.

SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

Some piety aspires so much it cannot aspire. The faith that can be hidden never stays healthy. If you are a saint you will want to be something. The only way to keep faith sweet is to keep it as long as possible.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Chicago Record-Herald: A Chicago preacher says all the planets are inhabited and he even expresses the belief that there may be on some of the far-away stars being that are superior to men. Now let those who disagree with him bring forward proof that he is wrong, if they can.

TEXAS IS GEOGRAPHICALLY THE BIGGEST STATE IN THE UNION AND STILL IT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD TWO SUCH EMINENT CITIZENS AS MR. BRYAN AND SENATOR BAILEY AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

There's an end to all things, even a pennant winning race that flatted on the back stretch. Bugs are eating the gum off stamps in Washington. Elsewhere the stickers get along with a licking.

THE NOON WHISTLE.

Roy Farrell Green in Leslie's. There's a charm about the chiming of the great cathedral bells. An' there's harmony allurin' when the big pipe organ swells; there's a captivatin' sweetness in the trillin' of a lark.

IMPORTED and AMERICAN MINERAL WATERS.

Obtained as direct shipments from the springs as imported. Case 12 5-gallon Boro-Lithia Water, \$2.00. For West Baden Spas Water, case of 12 dozen quarts, \$5.50.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"A Colorado heiress has married their family physician." "I expect that she either had to do that or pay his bill."—Houston Post.



The Record of a Half Century

The history of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States since its organization in 1859 to the present time is in many respects the history of the life insurance business for the past fifty years.

By popularizing life insurance itself, by liberalizing the policy contract, by making Equitable policies attractive for the policyholder to buy and easy for the agent to sell, the Society has from time to time during its history set the standard for all companies.

The Equitable was the first company to make its policies incontestable after the first year. The Equitable was the first company to simplify the policy contract, and to remove unnecessary, burdensome restrictions.

After paying to policyholders since organization, to December 31, 1908, the tremendous total of \$656,772,603, the Equitable has in addition accumulated assets amounting on December 31, 1908, to \$472,339,509, making a total fund of \$1,129,112,112, or \$39,322,697 more than policyholders have paid to the Society in premiums.

The Surplus over and above all liabilities (\$391,072,042) amounted on December 31, 1908, to \$81,267,467, ensuring beyond all question the fulfillment of every policy obligation. Because of its progressive, economic administration, its fair dealing toward policyholders, its impregnable financial strength, the Equitable at the close of an eminently successful first half-century offers to the insuring public life insurance of the very highest grade, and agency positions of exceptional value to high class producers.

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Advertisement for THE NOON WHISTLE, featuring a collection of humorous verses and a list of domestic pleasantries.