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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 2d day of August, 1911. (Seal) ROBERT HUNTER, Circulation Manager.

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These are soon to be pressing times for the cider-maker.

"Beattie in Tears." They all come to it. But usually too late.

No one should ever be ashamed to earn his living by honest toil.

The teachers' list is assigned and now the youngsters will get theirs.

Omaha should soon be able to hold its own with Newport on any scale of social standards.

The autumn is never melancholy to a Missourian, for that is the season pawpaws ripen.

"I have not had any thought of abandoning politics," says Mr. Bryan. Now, come on with your fighting men.

Admiral Togo will no doubt tell the minkado that he had a bully time. He might even say it was a corking time.

Who wants one of those \$4,500 councilmanic jobs under Omaha's new commission plan? Don't all speak at once.

If Mrs. Gotch would listen to Mrs. Jeffries she would not sit by the roadside. Oh, well, perhaps she enjoys a good joke.

If Jack London could fight as well in real life as he can in his novels, he would undoubtedly be just the man to redeem his race.

A friend of the recall of judges refers to it as a "far-reaching measure." Indeed, it is, which is why so many folks fear its effects.

No, gentle reader, Mr. Bryan has not taken back anything he said about Congressman Underwood, so far as the public has been apprised.

The Hitchcock-Dennison-World-Herald combine can at least point to the Third ward majority against the commission plan if solace is needed.

"Atwood reaches his goal at last," remarks the Boston Globe. Must have gone to heaven alive. But Enoch's record stood a long time.

If reassurance is wanted as to Nebraska's wonderful agricultural resources, even in a dry year, the state fair now on at Lincoln will be the eye-opener.

A lot of people at any rate are safe from being accused of stealing the Mona Lisa, since they did not know before there was one answering to that name.

The commission plan election called out a fairly good vote, but a little figuring will disclose that still two voters staid at home for every one that went to the polls.

How can the University of Nebraska manage to get along without the invaluable and indispensable services of Jasper L. McBrien? Address answers to this puzzle to the chancellor.

It would tickle us all if the toast-master could rise and say truthfully, of course—"Gentlemen: We have with us tonight our highly esteemed friend, Mr. Jupiter Pluvius."

It would be pathetic, if not amusing, to hear the sheet which admonished the people not to sign The Bee's commission plan petition, now loudly laying claim to have done it all by its lonesome.

Senator Works of California, although a La Follette insurgent, openly concedes the renomination of Taft. Senator Works evidently sees what some of his political associates insist on shutting their eyes to.

Mr. Bryan is not yet ready to help instruct for Woodrow Wilson for the next democratic presidential nomination. The voice of the people may draft some one else more reluctant to run, but willing to recognize the call if sufficiently urgent.

LABOR DAY

The Labor day celebrations all over the country, and particularly in Omaha, have an added significance this year as a demonstration of the faithfulness and loyalty of the workmen to their organizations. Parades are to be held quite generally in the industrial centers, and the ocular exhibit of the strength and numbers of the industrial army cannot fail to be impressive.

As every intelligent person knows, this is an era of organization and concentration, and the same tendency in this direction has been going on with both capital and labor. If conflicts between the two are to be avoided, it is necessary that both should not only appreciate the rights of the other, but also realize that each can defend and reinforce those rights whenever unjustly assailed.

If the Labor day celebration serves its true purpose, it will be a factor in the larger movement for industrial world peace.

A Breezy Campaign in Illinois

The latest is that J. Hamilton Lewis is grooming himself for the senatorial race on the democratic ticket in Illinois. Whether for advertising purposes or in earnest this assures Illinois, at least, of a breezy campaign, although it did not suffer for breeze during its last senatorial fray. A wind was started then which has quite passed the place where it may properly be referred to as a breeze. Of course, nothing of this sort is expected of the effete, effulgent Mr. Lewis. He has never been thought of as provoking the kind of storms that came out of Springfield in 1899.

The breeze that Mr. Lewis creates is of entirely different kind. It is usually soft and gentle. He has only to gesture real vigorously with his head to fan the embers into flame. His Sadie Carnot whiskers, with their pretty pink hue and picturesque harem form, stir a zephyr wherever they go, even in Gay Paree, itself.

No matter what his opponents in the race for the toga may do, far be it from J. Ham ever to allow the ruthless mover to trespass upon that effulgent lawn. Fashion is too full of foibles ever to entice him away from the ancient landmarks. So, to meet the competition, it would not be surprising before the campaign is well on if every other would-be democratic senator in Illinois will be striving to match J. Ham's hirsute adornment to keep the breeze's pace.

Omaha Votes for Commission Plan

Omaha has voted to adopt the commission plan of city government by a majority of more than two to one.

This result was clearly assured as soon as The Bee took hold of the lever and started the wheels moving by securing and filing the petition calling for submission of the question at a special election. The number of signatures to The Bee's petition aggregated 6,041, and apparently a large majority of those who signed the petition endorsed their signatures by their votes. The opposition, we have every reason to believe, will find that it was laboring under misapprehension and needless fear.

The inauguration of the commission plan will give Omaha an opportunity to meet the demand for improved city government. The people, however, must remember that they can get better government only by electing competent and trustworthy men to the responsible positions.

When the time comes to choose the commissioners, The Bee will be enlisted, as always, in the cause of good government.

Producers and Middlemen

Farmers in Pennsylvania, representing a grange membership of 62,000, have addressed themselves to the rather sturdy problem of selling their products directly to the consumer, thus avoiding the "middle man," who, they think, is getting a larger share of the profits of their labor and the high cost of living than they are themselves. They recently sent a delegation to New York to study market conditions, consult with prominent men and report their findings. They called on Mayor Gaynor, who lauded their enterprise, sanctioned their theory and agreed that they were yielding too much to the "middle man."

No one will contend that the producer is getting all the increase of the price the man who consumes pays. The consumer has been steadily paying more for what he ate, but the farmer declares—and has some evidence to show for it—that the surplus profits have not gone to him, though he has, in most cases, got along very well. It is doubtless agreed, then, that the so-called middle men are cutting in on the proceeds very heavily and holding up the price of living. So the problem resolves into the question whether there are not too many middle men.

But where to do the eliminating is the problem. It is useless to talk of doing away entirely with the middle man, the man who buys from the farmer and sells to the consumer. That cannot be done in these times. It could and was done before commerce of all kinds was organized, as everything else is, on a modern scale to meet the needs of the day. In primitive times the self-sufficient community existed and prospered, fully meeting the demands of its own people. But economic necessity changes with every forward step of human progress and what would satisfy us fifty years ago would be totally lacking today with our rapid transit and our quick communication in all lines of travel and industry. If the producers should at-

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In Other Lands

Side Lights on What is Transpiring Among the Near and Far Nations of the Earth.

Portugal's New Capital

The Portuguese republic has chosen its first president and his name is Manuel de Oliveira. Provisional President Braga resigns to his books and his desk, having steered the infant republic to a constitutional harbor. To the new president falls the more difficult task of steering the craft through the rocky channel of political faction. Herefor the government's strong arm is seen in the army, undisturbed by party divisions. Elections have brought forth these divisions and made them the vital force of the government. While the majority are republicans, as republican is understood in Portugal, a strong element of radicalism is apparent, which may at any moment overthrow a ministry unresponsive to extreme demands. Responsibility tends to moderation and caution. President Arraiza is classed as a radical on the stump. As the head of the government the campaigner usually finds action and assertion incompatible. What appeared feasible on the stump develops angles of danger when the ministry is centered. It is evident from the threats of the extremists that the new president and ministry are feeling their way, proceeding warily, seeking safety in the middle of the road between the radicals on the one side and the standpatters on the other. Followers of the new order of things expect more than revolution can accomplish. Identification with firmness and patriotism may achieve results so beneficial as to put monarchism in the junkie forever.

Spells System in France

Second only to the shock caused by the theft of Leonard da Vinci's masterpieces, "Mona Lisa," from the Louvre is the discovery that the employes in the famous museum are a lot of incompetents, chiefly political rotundities, the protégés of senatorial deputies. The civil list of France carries the names of nearly 1,000,000 persons, one out of every fifty of the population being on the government payroll. The number almost triples the civil list of the United States. In no other nation in Europe has the spoils system bloomed so luxuriantly as in France, and the demand for more and more deputies for its extension is an ever increasing menace to the life of a ministry. A ministry dependant for life on the continued support of various party divisions is often obliged to find places for the henchmen of deputies. Failure to grant such demands was the chief cause of the downfall of the Monroie ministry. Competency and efficiency is not to be expected from a system which makes office a reward for political activity.

Tories of English Descent

With a scream of unholy glee Dublin Sinn Fein announces that Lord Halsbury, leader of the Tory last ditchers in the House of Lords during the veto battle, is himself an Irishman by descent. His grandfather was a Murphy in Wearford, and his grandfather was the notorious Jack Gifford, sheriff of Dublin. The discovery is not worth a newspaper chortle, and is not a rarity by any means. Descendants of the Irish who accepted the conqueror's reward for betraying their country became more English than the English themselves, and have been almost invariably the most rabid opponents of the regeneration of Ireland. Lord Lansdowne as well as Lord Halsbury are living examples of the debilitating effect of a transfusion of tory blood.

An Ancient Coat of Arms

The ancient house of Medici, whose representatives were the business princes of Lombardy and whose Lombardian representative gave its name to Lombard street, in the financial district of that city, has been outlived by its coat of arms. The three gilded globes have for many years been used as a sign by pawnbrokers in England and America, and tales of poverty, vice and crime might have been told by the thousands of unfortunates who passed under them into the places where property and plunder were exchanged for money. The sign has now made its appearance in Germany, its importation from Italy by way of England and America.

Tommy Atkins as a Persuader

"The policeman's lot is not a happy one" in times of public disorder, is an accepted truism in Great Britain. With torn uniforms, battered helmets and numberless bumps from stones, bottles and other missiles, the British police came out of the strike riots considerably bruised, but able to take a nonchalant raise in pay. On the other hand, "Tommy Atkins" was treated with great respect and deference by the same crowd which pummeled and chased the police. The soothing effect of a loaded gun in the hands of a regular soldier, whose business is to shoot and shoot straight was shown with impressive force in the turbulent districts. Tommy was given all the room he needed for the exercise of his prerogatives.

State Owned Railroads

Nearly all the railroads in Germany are owned and operated by the state. The Prussian system alone employs 400,000 laborers and officials, and its vast business interests is administered with remarkable honesty and efficiency. A writer in the Atlantic Monthly states that cases of embezzlement or other crime are rare, the accident record is relatively low and politics is unknown. In operation, equipment and general convenience the writer claims the Prussian system compares favorably with the best in America. Freight rates average higher than in this country, but passenger rates are lower. For the shipper there is compensation for high rates, in absolutely fair and equal treatment, no discrimination, no rebates, secret or otherwise, and there is but one system to deal with, as well as a simplified tariff schedule. Before the nationalization of the railroads there were sixty-three systems, with 1,387 different tariffs.

French Railroads in Morocco

France is proceeding with plans for public improvements in Morocco with the confidence and energy of a permanent settler. Two hundred and fifty members of the French engineers corps are on the way to the country to begin the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from the coast to Fez. The line will probably start at Rabat and ultimately be extended to Casablanca, where the French are also making a safe harbor. Work in the Algerian frontier on the narrow gauge line which is to connect the Algerian railroads with Fez was begun several months ago. "It is clear," says the New York Sun, "that before many years the famous 'corridor' leading from Algeria through Fez to Morocco and from Fez to the Atlantic will be traversed by a railroad, and all northern Morocco south of Riff opened to European commerce and American tourists."

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The Bee's Letter Box

Two American Horses.

CARTER, S. D., Aug. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your issue of the 16th containing a sheet of Indian and other portraits is before me, and I notice that in one instance things are a little mixed. You state that all have passed away except Cody. That being the case, the American Horse alluded to must be the American Horse who was killed in 1876 at Twin Buttes. I think—but the portrait is that of the American Horse who now lives at Pine Ridge. I have known this man since 1876, when he killed Sioux Jim in Blue Horse's camp, and his face is unmistakable; in fact, I was speaking to him about a year ago.

The same mistake was made in a magazine a few years ago, the portrait of the American Horse being published as that of the man who fell at Twin Buttes. W. C. COULTER.

Strike Settled at a Stroke

KEARNEY, Neb., Sept. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since Senator Lorimer no longer needs my criticism, and since congress in obedience to our suggestion has reduced the so-called campaign fund to mere pocket change, I feel sure you will permit your contributing editor to advise in case of a general railroad strike that the railroad officials employ no strike-breakers and not a wheel be turned; that employers and employees take a vacation by going fishing or visiting with their friends and neighbors. In this way common sense will control and much friction and suffering will be averted, and an incredibly short time harmony will prevail and everything be moving along as usual. JOSEPH BLACK.

CHEERY CHAFF

"These ocean liners are splendid affairs." "Yes," answered the woman who had been to a summer resort "it is a splendid idea to build boats so large that nobody can rock them."—Washington Star.

"I hear that ice trust magnate did not enjoy his tour in Switzerland at all." "Why not?" "It seems they took him into the glacier region and it shocked him to see such heavy cuts in ice."—Baltimore American.

"Want a situation as errand boy, do you?"

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"Do have this and this!" ma began. And, "I'm sorry we've not more." And, "The cake is short of eggs." (When she'd gone and borrowed four!) And the company eats and eats, and lets on it doesn't know. That it's having special treats. And what ma says isn't so!

WHEN COMPANY COMES

Edwin L. Sabin in Judge. That's a funny thing! When we have at meals some other folk. My ma always says that she doesn't like an extra stroke! "No, don't bother," they declare. "Now, don't bother, Mrs. White." "Ma says ma, 'you'll have or fortune.' And that table is a sight!

Biscuits, cake, and marmalade. Tea and coffee both—how queer! Things I know she's gone and made. Just because the company here! Stuff we never have at once. When we're sitting down alone— And the company is a source of pain. Who believes it's just our own.

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