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express. But since freight and express service has become a joke on business men, they all go by post, under special delivery stamps, and insured.

At the great Westinghouse plant in Pittsburgh they have a school for parcel packers, and are tearing down machines and sending them in separate parts by post. They are shipping tons of their product in this way. They have to do it to make deliveries. Since the blight of government management came over the express business, speed and efficiency are the last things expected by shippers. A Westinghouse official says their business would be hamstringed were it not for the parcel post.

Mr. Bryan's Latest Paramount. The always interesting, sometimes amazing, and now and again amusing, Mr. Bryan has come forward with a new "paramount." This time he proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which shall set up "a single standard of morals." The context of his remarks as quoted in the news dispatches warrants the assumption that he had in mind sex relations, something that has vexed reformers in all generations. To narrow morality down to this single point may be justifiable in his view, yet it may be questioned if such a constricted interpretation of the term is permissible. Granting, though, that it is, the proposition is likely to excite speculation.

Eminent precedent for the measure is found in history. Hamurabi, Moses, Diocletian, and other notable lawgivers have dealt with the problem, and moralists in all ages have given it consideration. Those who belong to that school of reformers which includes the great commoner as a shining exponent of its teachings know that the way to prohibit is to prohibit, and so they forbid the doing or omission of certain things, and then end their days trying to make the inhibition effective. One reads in Deuteronomy, for example, that a man and woman taken under certain conditions were put to death, and many times by statute, edict or proclamation a similar punishment has been prescribed for the same offense. No human law could be stronger or clearer on the point than that which came down from Sinai and just what will be gained by embedding the Decalogue or any part thereof in our fundamental law is not plain.

Human nature is a very stubborn thing, and Omaha has recently had some proof that "Bobby" Burns knew what he was talking about when he wrote: Then gently span your brother man, Still gentler sister woman; Tho' they may gang a-kenning wrang, To step aside is human.

However, the forum Mr. Bryan selected for his announcement was well chosen. The hard-headed elders and dominies of the Presbyterian church are not likely to confess at this time that the whole plan of salvation and system of theology has failed. On the contrary, we confidently expect they will go steadily on, preaching and expounding the ethical and moral truths on which religion rests, realizing that if Divine law is not potent to restrain man in his headlong career to damnation, no human enactment will prove effective.

Is Long Life Worth While? Levi P. Morton, gathered to his fathers at the age of 96, retired at 8:30 and arose at 6:30. His business, professional and political careers were all successful. Official and political cares did not break him down. Financial operations did not frazzle his nerves. He started poor, worked hard, saved, and won out easily, keeping up his health and strength for fully thirty-three years longer than the average highly efficient man of large affairs.

And He Keeps Us Out of Peace. The president has vetoed the peace resolution sent to him by the congress, as he had warned that he would. His message, however, is not in the form that had been expected. It is remarkable for one statement. He almost plainly says the congress is ready to sacrifice the honor of the United States, and all that was at stake in the war, and would do so if the resolution were signed. In presenting the Treaty of Versailles as the proper basis for the settlement, and complaining it has been rejected by the senate, he omits any reference to the covenant for the League of Nations. This, not the terms of settlement with Germany, brought about the rejection of the treaty. Unwilling to accept advice or suggestion from the senate, or to hear of any modification of the text of the covenant, directly or by interpretative reservations, even such as were acceptable to our allies, the president stubbornly forced adverse action on his plans. He boasted at Paris that he had the covenant "tied in" to the treaty so completely that the one could not be separated from the other. Defeated in his major plan, he declines to hear to another. So far he has kept us out of peace quite as effectively as he kept us out of war four years ago. It is the president's next move.

A Line O' Type or Two

MEXICO'S provisional president is "considered a remarkable tenor singer," and he used also to be a teller in a bank. This familiarity with notes will be useful to him when he begins to correspond with Mr. Wilson.

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THE job of making peace in the world was too much for the limited intelligences which gathered at Versailles. Had the job been entrusted to the staff of the New Republic— But it is too late now.

"Law Books, Keep Dry." Sir: The "Law Books—Keep Dry" wheeze has been definitely traced to the original manuscript of the "Commentaries," where the learned Blackstone quotes it with approval. He evidently regards it as a valuable addition to the original text, and as referring to the doctrine and giving credit to the code of Diocletian.

ON THE OTHER HAND— Sir: The following appeared in a recent issue of the "Telegraph and Telephone Age": "An express agent sent a telegram to the consignee of a received express shipment reading: 'Box of books received, advise disposition, leaving today.'"

HIS ONLY OUTFIT. (From the Tulsa World.) The party who took the sweater and suit from clothes line at 14 East Eleventh is known. It put back there will be no embarrassing exposure.

Worried writes: "There are a number of scarlet fever cases in the town I live in, and the quarantine is not being observed. People from infected homes mingle freely on streets and elsewhere with others."

Discouraged? Depressed? Tired of Paying Exorbitant Prices For New Clothes? Better join us in the movement for less expense. Your old clothes will look plenty good enough if we clean, press and remodel them.

THE BEE'S Letter Box. Coffee Profit. Omaha, May 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial on coffee in today's issue brings to mind when I was "stung" by having to pay 10 cents for a single cup of coffee. When protest was made to the restaurateur he said it was necessary and said "he could show me."

How to Keep Well

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BISMAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

There is something very like a panic in the Executive Mansion at Washington. The impatient gentleman there whose hot displeasure has smitten, bruised and disabled so many of his party leaders, now suspects that he is himself in a desperate political plight.

Events of the past sixty days, it is said, have forced themselves through the ivory wall of unbounded self-esteem, and shocked a colossal vanity into recognition of the fact that the formidable rebellion to the imperial will exists without it. It is more than hinted that utter repudiation is threatened. So I am now fears he is soon to become I Was, and see coming before him at San Francisco the gates within which the Has Beens of politics dwell.

Mr. Bryan's disconcerting success in the Nebraska primaries, Georgia's exodus from White House domination, the vice president's first stand for treaty reservations in obedience to Indiana democratic sentiment, Senator Chamberlain's triumph over presidential malice in Oregon, the implacable hostility of New York state to both Wilson and his "crown prince," together with public and private expressions of opinion all over the country reported through every trustworthy avenue of information, all together testify to the handwriting on the wall so far as Woodrow Wilson and his works are concerned.

False Prophets. Where are all those ready prophets who told us the 200,000 men engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquor, and the 4,000,000 men in military service, would go jobless when the war against liquor and the war against Germany were ended?

Parcel Post Delivery Profitable. The Paul department stores have tried out shipping their city delivery troubles out to the postoffice, and after sixty days' trial are delighted with results. The average cost of delivery for each package under their own system was 12 cents; under Uncle Sam's parcel post changes it has been less than 6 cents, with very few complaints from patrons.

At any rate, the discount sales started something moving. Summer surely is soy, but just wait.

The VELVET HAMMER. By Arthur Brooks Baker. GEORGE W. HOLDREGE.

There was a time when railroad men were very much on top; when others in their services would jump and slide and hop. They told the legislators what to think and what to do, and governors would call on them to get their point of view; and senators and congressmen and other weighty folk would lend an ear to listen on occasions when they spoke.

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