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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

That vacation of yours will be incomplete unless The Washington Herald follows you. It will be like a daily letter from home.

After the Transgressors. As we grow older and more experienced and observant, we are prone to believe that reform is an ever-progressing evolution.

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rested by the Savannah police, and the father at once instituted habeas corpus proceedings, which resulted in the decision that while the enlistment was valid, and presumably the desertion illegal, the restraint of the deserter was without authority of law.

The Navy Department has before Congress a proposition to extend to the naval service the provisions of the law of 1890, so that there may be authority given to marshals and sheriffs and their deputies, constables, and police officers of towns and cities, to apprehend, arrest, and receive the surrender of any deserter.

So many old-line Republican papers are applauding Mr. Bryan's tariff speech of recent date that we are beginning to wonder what on earth was wrong with it.

The Deposit Guarantee Issue. Are not Mr. Taft and his friends making an unnecessary, possibly a serious, blunder in so strongly opposing the proposal to guarantee the deposits of national banks?

On the merits of the proposal, financial authorities differ, as they do upon nearly every other phase of the banking question.

Postmaster General Meyer offers the same objections to the Bryan deposit guarantee scheme as were brought forward by opponents of Mr. Fowler's measure.

Physician is a candidate for mayor of Detroit, and every other physician in town is supporting him. This is, perhaps, the only time on record where so many physicians agreed about anything.

It seems that there is another person at large in this world anxious to bask in the limelight ninety days or so as Lillian Russell's husband.

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Having failed to do anything in particular to the Mikado, Gen. Kuropatkin has now decided to try a lemon-handing stunt on the Czar.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A FRONT-RROW FORESTER. The real woods are not the woods; they're buggy and they're hot.

Give me the green And vernal scene That figures in a play, The canvas grove Where fairy roves And everything is gay.

As It Seemed to Him. "Your going to Europe is not so terribly momentous."

The Only One. "So you are going to marry the man of your choice?"

The Plunkville Polonias. "Be a jollier, my boy."

Sur-Sign. When the frost is on the poets Great and small, Then we other mortals know it's Nearly fall.

A Great Advantage. "How do you like the graphophone as a campaign orator?"

On the Reservation. The Indians are not only getting sophisticated, but near-humorous.

Her Intuition. "It ain't true love with him."

A CLEVER THIEF.

Stole the Shoes and Thus Stuck His Man. From the Indianapolis News.

Harvey Lawson, who recently made an escape from the workhouse, where he had been sent for stealing junk, has been in times past accused of other thefts.

Gov. Deneen, of Illinois. Undoubtedly it takes a high order of human courage, and a still more acute form of political sagacity, for a governor running for re-election to tell his men to shoot to kill when that is the only way to assert the supremacy of the State over a blood-hungry gathering of one's fellow citizens.

What Will Wright Do? From the Norfolk Vagabond-Pile.

Nothing to Gain. From the Detroit Post.

PICK AND SPADE. Here, take his pick and spade— And dig him for the night.

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POLITICAL COMMENT.

The New York Tribune thinks that Mr. Bryan has accomplished the feat of getting upon the political wagon, and it says:

The Philadelphia Press tries to tell its readers what would happen in the case of Mr. Bryan's election, and does not think that the country can afford it.

The Boston Transcript declares that the Democrats will do their best in Vermont because of the barometric value of the returns from there.

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HINDRANCES TO REVISION.

Difficult to Readjust the Tariff Duties. From the Hartford Times.

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AT THE HOTELS.

"There is only one way for Mississippi to go in the Presidential election, and that is the Democratic way," said Judge Patrick Henry, of Vicksburg, Miss., an eminent lawyer, cotton planter, and former Representative of that State at the Riggs House last night.

"The 'Solid South' will remain the 'Solid South'; there won't be any defection to the Republican party, not as long as we have to deal with the negro question and the negroes. Everybody down South is enthusiastic for the Democratic national ticket.

Henri Decollet, a manufacturer, of Paris, France, who has been on a business tour of this country, is at the Raleigh Hotel. Mr. Decollet said that business was not so good as it was at the time last year, which undoubtedly was due to the late depression in the business and financial world.

"We are waiting for the man to save France," continued the patriotic Decollet, "but he does not come. Under the empire and under the kingdom, France was in the van of all other European nations in art, science, literature, and every other line of thought and effort. But where are we today? We are lagging behind. No; we are in the rear, following the procession, instead of leading. The present generation in France thinks that France was never as great as it is now. Poor deluded creatures. They have no conception of the glory of greatness and wealth and pride of an empire. Great mistakes have been made in the past few years, and it seems that it is no end. If a person goes to church these days in France he is looked upon with suspicion, probably as an enemy of the republic; a man's wife or his children attend the church, the husband not regarded as a good Republican.

Discussing asphalt in municipal work, Henry Saunders, a civil engineer of New York, said at the New Willard last night that every city in the United States is now giving attention and thought to asphalt as a paving material, and that it was not so much a matter of cost as of the quality and wearing power of the asphalt.

Reservations of places in dining cars, according to K. F. Tasker, a prominent railroad man of Philadelphia, who is at the Arlington, one of the good features of British and Continental railroads.

"Crowding in diners or restaurant cars," said Mr. Tasker, "is entirely obviated by the custom of making reservations for seats at tables when the railroad ticket is bought. The meals are all table d'hote and served in two sections. When the tables are all filled, two waiters start through the car and serve first course to all. The second course follows at the proper time, and in this way a carload of people may be quickly and satisfactorily fed."

Among Mr. Tasker's observations was that smoking by women all over Europe is increasing. "They use cigarettes, usually in the restaurant cars, along with the men."

"I notice little change in methods of railroad operation in Europe. Conditions there are so settled that there is nothing new. Corridor cars are becoming more popular, and more are being introduced in France, Italy, and Germany are taking over more of the privately owned roads, until now they are nearly all government lines. In Holland two railroads, one owned by the State and the other by a private corporation, parallel with one another. I rode on both, and noticed little difference in operation."

In England there are no government owned roads, and I must say that they appeared much better managed and operated than the government lines on the continent. One may notice that in Great Britain private ownership shows in competition. On the continent where the government owns most of the roads, there is little or no advertising or bidding for business, while in England the papers are full of advertisements offering low week-end excursion rates to the people.

"In England the railroads are allowed to pool under strict governmental supervision. The pooling feature does not appear to throttle competition, as the lines in England and Scotland are constantly putting their different advantages before the public."