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TAKE THE TIMES WITH YOU. Summer Outings Will Not Be Enjoyed Unless It Goes Along.

The summer tide of pleasure and health-seekers has set in toward mountains, springs and seashore.

No plans for the season's outing will be complete unless The Times is included among the necessities.

Men and women may go from town to town to leave care behind, but those who would leave their fingers on the public pulse, or be absent of the world's happenings, or, indeed, who need a golden link between themselves and the whirligig of time—these must have The Times sent daily to their stables or seaside retreat.

LIBRARIAN SPOFFORD. While Mr. Ainsworth E. Spofford, who has been librarian of the Library of Congress for about a quarter of a century, admits a distressing confusion of the business features of his office, who has known his gentlemanly unvarying reputation will be here the sensational assertions published in one or two newspapers, charging actual dishonesty, until they are substantiated by much better authority than has yet been cited.

Mr. Spofford may be blamed for neglecting to make the fact of his inadequate force of assistants plain in his reports to Congress. He may even be blamed with a carelessness in relation to business details which is natural in persons of his profoundly studious nature. But until he is formally charged with misdoing, and brought to book for it, will the public, who have known his character and worth, believe that the great Librarian would take one cent which was not his own for his own use. With such a man such an act would seem to be an absolute impossibility.

SENATOR QUAY'S VICTORY. No doubt seems to be entertained by the friends of Senator Quay that he will have complete control of the Pennsylvania State convention which will meet next week. The primaries at Philadelphia yesterday apparently made this assurance doubly sure, as the Senator secured upward of twenty-five delegates out of the seventy-six which will represent the Quaker city, when not more than five or six had been conceded. This is a tremendous blow between the eyes for what is euphemistically termed the "bug combine," and, as the Quay supporters assert, will result in a desertion to the Quay ranks of many delegates who are not instructed in all parts of the old Keystone State.

This result, which it looks on the surface like a merely personal victory for Senator Quay and the old Republican political machine, which has dominated the State for more than thirty years, with but few restful intervals, means that and something more. American sense of fair play detests ingratitude and treachery, and if ever such feeling were shown in Philadelphia, it would be toward the man who has been so unscrupulous in his manipulation of political schemes. No matter how the phrase "bug combine" originated, and no matter how indelicate it sounds, it seems to be appropriate.

If the "combine" had been able to offer to the people of the State anything better than Quayism or Cameronism, its forgetfulness of benefits received from "the old man" might have been forgiven. But the open and indecent treachery of these individuals had for its plain purpose nothing more exalted than a selfish determination to "loss things" in their own interests and thrust Quay into lasting retirement.

Every member of the combine was a political child of Quay. The story of the base ingratitude of the daughters of King Lear becomes respectable by comparison when one contemplates the conduct of such men as Hastings, Gilkeson, Martin and Warwick, and it will gratify even those living remote from the scene of action to hear that Martin and Warwick were defeated in their own divisions in Philadelphia and that Quay will have a decisive majority in the convention.

MR. MONROE AND JOHN BULL. A cable telegram which appears in the news columns of the Times quotes the St. James Gazette, a London newspaper, which has the cares of the world upon its back, as urging that Mr. George Curzon, under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, be requested to define the policy of the British government in regard to the construction of the Nicaragua Canal. The Gazette asserts that there is great danger of a serious interruption of the friendly relations of Great Britain and the United States on account of this canal.

Our esteemed evening contemporary, which breathes so deeply the atmosphere of Piccadilly and St. James' Park, need not be alarmed. With Mr. Bayard at the court of St. James and Mr. Cleveland at Buzard's Bay, both countries are safe.

Gossip of the Day.

Two lawyers were discussing legislative acts past, present, and to come, this morning.

"Do you know," remarked one of them, "that there is probably not a tarber shop or a saloon in the city that is not violating the law all the time? Such is the case, and drug stores, too, may be counted along with them. An act of the old legislative assembly, passed on June 20, 1870, and still in force, says that the owners or keepers of restaurants, eating houses, barrooms, soda fountains, barber shops, and bathing houses shall keep posted in a conspicuous place a price list of the commodities they have for sale. Failure to comply with the law is deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$20 to \$50. Except in hotels and restaurants where the bills of fare are kept the law is violated in almost every instance."

"It is not rare nowadays," said a prominent Mason, "to find comparatively young Masons who are well versed in Masonic law and good authority on Masonic matters generally, and far advanced beyond some of the 'wheelhoops' in everything pertaining to 'Masonry.' It will be found that these bright Masons are industrious Masonic students, reading the current Masonic publications and such Masonic literature as can be secured."

"By the way," he continued, "we are going to have a grand commandery. A petition for authority will be presented at the meeting of the Grand Encampment. It will be designated Orient Commandery, No. 5, and will hold its convalescence in the hall of Naval Lodge, No. 4."

"It is a question with me," said a District official, musingly, "whether or not pedestrians have any rights that vehicle drivers must respect."

"I have witnessed incidents that escaped being accidents only by the agility of the man who walks. Drivers of light and heavy carriages go often at a break-neck speed around the corners of streets, seemingly unmindful of what may occur at the crossing."

"There ought to be a dozen or so arrests for such conduct. Women and children are in constant peril from this source, and the practice ought to be stopped, and that suddenly."

"The need of another roof garden in Washington is growing more apparent every day," said a gentleman in the lobby of the Arlington last night.

"There are very few places in the National Capital where one can go to the theatre in the evening and free himself from the cares and business trials of the day, and strangers in the city during the summer months are particularly at a loss to know where to go. The theatres are all closed, and riding in the open cars is a little tiring and grows somewhat monotonous. So I suggest a roof garden as a solution of the problem."

"There one can go and enjoy his cigar, listen to good music, and at the same time be far removed from the heat and the crowd. Other Eastern cities have grasped the idea, and it has in every case I know of, proven a successful financial one. While the idea has often been agitated here, I hope some enterprising man may see the need of such a place, and have push enough to give the citizens of Washington something they have long needed, and his success is assured."

"In the District of Columbia," remarked a police court official, "the theft of goods or money to the value of amount of \$25 constitutes grand larceny, while in the adjoining State of Maryland any one becoming unlawfully possessed of goods to the value of \$5 is liable to criminal prosecution under that charge. Accordingly, grand larceny cases are comparatively few here, while petit larcenies in which the amount exceeds \$5, are heard in the police court every day. If the law was the same in the District as in Maryland the petty larceny at the police court would be overflowing with District offenders, and perhaps the number of petit larcenies would be less."

"Congress has made all three of these money laws legal tender for all debts due the government or individuals. Any one of the United States is entitled to demand gold or silver, will perform every money function of any other one of them can perform, will buy as much and pay as much debt as any other. In view of the fact that coin must regulate the volume of money in circulation, it is not surprising that gold or silver must necessarily diminish the volume of redemption money in the country, so falling to one-half its former volume which inevitably doubles the purchasing power of the remaining half."

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Purely Personal.

It cost Sir Henry Irving 2000 to answer the dispatches of congratulation received by him the first day after the announcement that Knighthood had been conferred upon him. He has spent 2000 since in the same way.

Dr. F. J. Furnival, who is an authority on the English language and literature of the Elizabethan era, says that Shakespeare's name was pronounced Shakspeare.

Bishop Thorold, of Winchester, England, who died the other day, frequently visited this country before he became a bishop, in the interest of temperance. He was a warm friend of the late Bishop Brooks, whose guest he frequently was.

In early life Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, was a missionary priest in the mountains of West Virginia.

Hail Cain's favorite work hour is dusk. He sits perfectly still in one of his big chairs, that were Rossetti's, until he has composed all he means to use. Then he orders a light and swiftly writes out his work as he has memorized it.

Balfour never wears his hat in the House of Commons, following in this respect the fashion set by Disraeli and Gladstone. The custom is to keep the head covered while in the House, except while addressing the chair.

Cy Warman, author of "Sweet Marie," is now connected with a New York magazine. He was in Creede, Colo., dead broke, to use his own phrase, when the popular song brought to him the money he needed. During the first six months of the great demand for the song barely 300,000 copies of it were sold.

Admiral Kappel, the grand old man of the English fleet, is six months older than Gladstone. He was a small boy trundling a hoop when Napoleon was overthrown, but had become an officer of experience and was put in command of the naval brigade before Admiral Kappel was born. He has been on the retired list for sixteen years.

Senator Harris, when asked to express his views on the future of silver in the Democratic party, gave the following revised and signed reply: "I am satisfied that a large majority of the Democrats of the United States are in favor of utilizing silver as the money of ultimate redemption, and favor its free and unlimited coinage in the United States at 16 to 1, without regard to the position of any other nationality on the face of the earth. It is in the power of the United States to adopt and maintain a financial system responsive to the interests and convenience of 70,000,000 people that we represent, money having always been, being now, and always will be, just what they of its country makes it, and it can be money nowhere else. The idea that the United States should consult other countries as to what its financial policy is to be, or the idea of the citizens of the United States stopping to inquire as to the real or supposed value of the thing of which legal-tender dollars are made, is the grossest of all gross mistakes."

"The Constitution provides that Congress shall coin money and regulate the value thereof. Congress has coined one piece of money composed of 25.8 grains of gold and has regulated its value to be one dollar. It has coined another composed of 412.5 grains of standard silver and regulated its value to be one dollar. It has issued \$500,000,000 of paper money, composed of five, ten, fifty, hundred, and one thousand dollar bills, and has regulated the value of each to be its face denomination."

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Selected Verse.

The Play Maker. We knew him in the good old days Of Shakespeare's wood notes wild, And among the triple trees Proud Fancy's wayward child: Of Sheridan, and countless more Of wondrous dead and past: But up to what complexion here Have we all come at last?

Where are the fine, grand plays of old? Upon the shelf they lie: The dust, perhaps, for ages more, Will gather inches high. Behold the great playmaker now, He needs not a pen: For plot he never hesitates About the why and when. The classic is not needed now, And fancy plays no part: The playwrights of the world are dead, A good, new suit of tanks; A buzz saw snip well his needs, A locomotive fast, A shipwreck on a canvas sea, A good steel-iron blast.

His study is a joiner's shop, Or where they make machines, And there, perplexed, upon his hand, His wondrous brow he leans. The jackaw is his fertile pen, And thus he makes his plays (Old shreds of Shakespeare once revered) To please these latter days. Yet, not his fault, the noble scribe, The People he must please, To give the world the while, With which to live at ease. He doth but his level best— Though critics may deride— And so the drama's future frame Moves on with rapid stride. —New York Clipper.

A Mean Lover. I love to take my Mabel cry, By jealous taunts and jeers, For then I get a chance to try And kiss away her tears. —Harper's Bazar.

The Sweets of Love. Honey-sweet, sweet as honey smell the lilies, Little lilies of the gold in a ring; Little centers of pink gold are the lilies That the wind, sweet and sunny, set a-swing. —a-swing.

Smell the rose, sweet of sweets, all a-blossom! Hear the cuckoo call in dreams, low and sweet. Like a very John-a-Dreams, coming, going, There's honey in the grass at our feet.

There's honey in the leaf and the blossom, And honey in the night and the day, And honey sweet the heart in Love's blossom, And honey-sweet the words Love will say.

The bee seeks for honey in the lilies, He rifes the rose of her store; Goes drunken with the honey as his will, And yet the honey grows more and more.

O Love, with the rose all a-blossom, O Love, with the lilies breathing bliss, Come gather of her honey, gold and glow, Who gives all the summer in a kiss! —a-swing.

My Reward. I met her at the seashore; 'twas a lovely July night; The hand was playing early, and the moon was shining bright. I met her in the ballroom and I danced the two-step so She said: "You dance the very best of all the men I know."

I walked upon the saffron, wave-beat sands with that fair maid, And told her that I loved her, that my love would never fade. And she, she smiled so sweetly that I knew that she was mine. It needed not her "yes" to prove my blessing so benign.

I bought a ring—a beauty—'twas a brilliant solitaire; It dazzled all beholders; 'twas indeed beyond compare. It cost two hundred dollars, and it came from Tiffany, And when she put it on she seemed to overcome with ecstasy.

We drove together, walked together, braved the sea and storm; We stroked at eve when it was cool, at noon when it was warm. I bought her books and roses, and I took her to the dance, And told her that my best reward was just one smiling glance.

And all went well until one night another fellow came, I never knew, and do not wish to know, that fellow's name. But when she introduced him, when we met that awful day, She said she to me: "I know, George, to know my fiancé."

"And in the fall, when we are wed, I hope that you will be One of the cashiers; you've been so very good to me. You've helped me while away the long, dull hours at the shore, While poor old Jack was tolling in the city at the store!" —Harper's Bazar.

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One Custom the Same. Squid-like—China is many years behind the rest of the world. My will goes—There is one point in which that country is in accord with Western civilization.

"Name it." "In China, as in the United States, the public property."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

KAISER WILHELM CANAL.

Its Value to Commerce—Calculations Made by Statisticians.

Statisticians have calculated that the commerce between the North and Baltic Seas averaged in 1889 more than 18,000,000 tons, says Harper's Weekly. It is calculated that fully two-thirds of this shipping will use the canal by due time. The saving per ton for those vessels which use the waterway instead of passing around Denmark's coast is estimated at an average of 25 cents a ton. This will come chiefly from reduced coal consumption and the shortening of time. The distance saved in a journey from Hamburg to the Baltic will be 425 miles; from Copenhagen to Rotterdam, 200 miles; from London to the Baltic, 238 miles. The time for passing through for steam craft will be about five and one-half miles per hour will be thirteen hours, and for sailing craft, by the use of the canal, from two to three days.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY. Cleveland's Greater Massive Minstrels.

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Kernan's Lyceum Theater. All this week. Two Big Shows in One.

CYRENE'S. Highland Vandykes. And Miss Olive's Terpsichorean Beauties.

ONE ADMISSION TO ALL. NEXT WEEK—G. W. Turner's Vandykes.

BASEBALL! CLEVELAND VS. WASHINGTON. Two games to-day for one price of admission.

First game called at 2 p. m. ADMISSION—25 and 50c. Next—Cleveland August 22.

HITS OF INFORMATION. A girl baby born the other day in Kokomo, Ind., is the fourteenth daughter of a fourteen daughter, a record which is thought to be unprecedented.

A medical authority on the virtues of various kinds of food declares that the herb giving the mucus elasticity, the body strength, and the brain vigor, and is not fish-fleshing.

Brigspott, Conn., man suddenly became insane a few days ago, and his peculiar form of insanity is that he is living over again the horrible prison life at Andover, where he was confined during a portion of the civil war.

The Chronicle of Friesland abound with accounts of the massacres perpetrated by the most notable knights of chivalric age. They thought it no harm to burn churches, destroy religious buildings and plunder and butcher a peaceable and inoffensive population.

A French astronomer, Mr. Heurion, once estimated the height of Adam to be 123 feet, and that of Eve 118, proportions that must have appeared most formidable to the serpent, and made the proposition for apples a somewhat trivial thing. The same authority brings Abraham down to 25 feet, and makes Moses only 13.

The canal which will connect Marseilles with the River Rhone will run four and a half miles of its length through a tunnel. It is estimated to cost \$20,000,000.

The dog opened its jaws wide and the canary flew into them, and its fate was apparently sealed, for the jaws closed and doggie licked his chops with relief. Immediately afterward, however, the dog was taken ill, and the canary was rescued and taken to its owner, under whose care it was restored. It was soon warbling briskly again, but since its experience it refuses to leave its cage.

Moore Viff, of Cape Blank, S. I., has a curious and valuable Alderney cow. She is very large and has a hollow on her back which will hold over a gallon of water, and the cow always stands in the rain until the hollow is filled. It is then absorbed, and a rainbow is bent over the cow, and the cow is rescued and taken to its owner, under whose care it was restored. It was soon warbling briskly again, but since its experience it refuses to leave its cage.

Prof. Dewar, the chemist, has compressed oxygen under an immense degree of cold, a degree almost beyond the power of imagination, into a pale blue fluid, a thing which, although it has been done before, has not been done to such an extent or in such quantity, has solidified oxygen into a jelly, has made ozone into a deep lapping blue liquid, and has condensed the air. He has made the suggestion that possibly the vast shining night-clouds, concerning whose composition, whether of congregated stars at immeasurable distances or of nebulous matter slowly concentrating into stars, astronomers have arrived at no fixed conclusion, may really be only masses of carbonic acid gas frozen in the unpeopled cold of the inter-stellar spaces, which is probably the zero of absolute temperature.

It is supposed that the moon is a dead and cold body, that the earth will one day become so, that the sun itself will bank its fires and be a dark object in space. But experiments of Prof. Dewar have shown that the life of vegetable seeds and of animal bacteria is only retarded and not extinguished under a degree of cold greater than that required for the reduction of oxygen—a fact that gives one a strange sensation of cheer out of void and blackness.

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