

BRIEF AND BREEZY.

The Birmingham News says there is not room on the stage for Gov. Comer and Gov. Glenn at one and the same time. No, indeed; and if there were, they should remember it is an inflexible rule of the vaudeville stage that each performer come on his regular time.

"Secretary Taft is to revolve around the globe," says an esteemed contemporary. This will most likely result in a series of eclipses not set down in the almanac.

In the new Chicago city directory, the Johnsons lead the Smiths by over 2,000. Can it be possible that the old, reliable Smiths have turned race-suicides.

Senator Foraker has found horn-nesting in Ohio a poor business.

Can't get a woman to take much interest nowadays in anything but whether her tomatoes are going to "keep."

Has Senator Bob Taylor got the idea that war is something you play on the fiddle?

The recent speech of Secretary Taft, at Columbus, Ohio, has received almost as much consideration from the country at large as if it were a letter "accepting the Republican nomination for the Presidency." The fact is beginning to dawn that the policies of Mr. Roosevelt were, in many cases, originated and suggested by Secretary Taft, who has been his closest personal adviser.

As we understand the Secretary of War, there will not be any great amount of boat-rocking permitted if Mr. William Howard Taft is put in command of the ship of state in 1909.

An injunction has been taken against the song-writers. Now if someone would only have the courage to enjoin the female piano player next door.

A New York girl has saved the lives of three young men and then refused to give her name. She was afraid one of them would ask her to change it.

In California bees are said to get drunk on the juice of decayed oranges. If this is true we expect to see Florida doing a large business in shipping decayed oranges across the state line.

Secretary Root entertained the fear that the States were "sleeping over their rights." At present, some of them are having nightmares over them.

Tsi An is going to resign; this time without fail. Tsi Platt is not going to resign as usual.

The New York Sun does not think that Uncle Sam will sell eight millions of Filipinos "for cash." Not necessarily; any old nation's credit is good in this emergency.

A Kansas town council recently presented the local brass band a gift of \$150. The Richmond Times-Dispatch thinks it probably was hush money, but our idea is that the council merely wanted the band to blow itself for a good time.

"Vacations are good, because they give one an opportunity to get plenty of sleep," says a physician. Yes, after one gets back home.

Prof. Starr's idea that Japan can whip

the United States, doubtless is based upon the erroneous impression that we are a nation of Starrs.

A patient in a Michigan insane asylum assaulted his keeper for giving him a copy of Alfred Austin's poems to read. Evidently he objected to being considered a hopeless case.

What Professor Starr means is that Japan could lick us if she could catch us asleep.

Railroads appear to be crowded to the limit with passengers, in spite of the abolition of the free pass.

King Edward and the Kaiser slobbered over one another in approved royal fashion. Yet that doesn't make for permanent peace.

German wine makers are complaining of a shortage of grapes. They are simply trying to make us believe that they use grapes in their making of wine.

According to the stories from Newport, some of the automaniacs are arranging to do their scorching in the street cars in the near future.

The King of Siam has bought nearly three million dollars worth of jewelry in London, which suggests that his salary must be considerably higher than Mr. Roosevelt's.

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