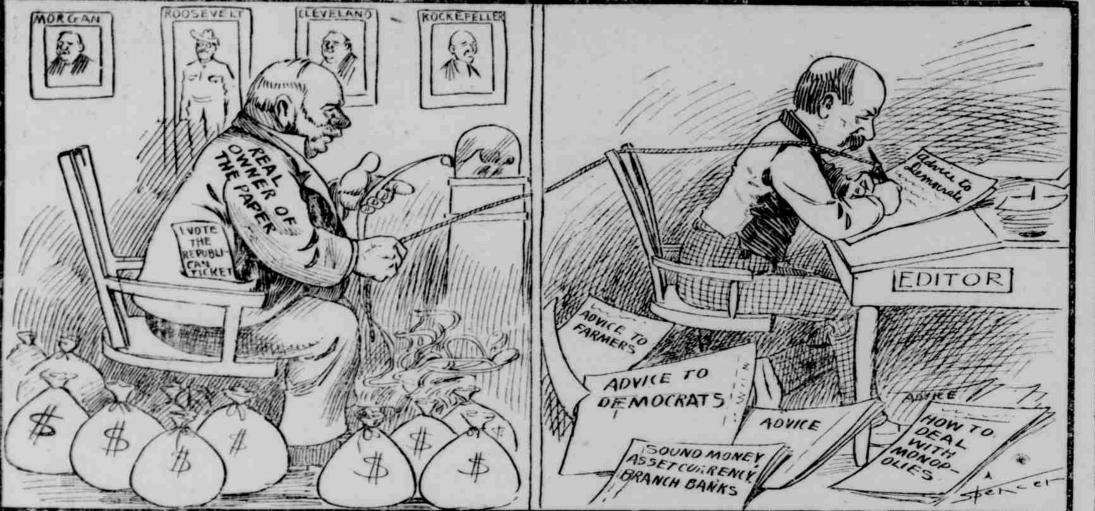
THE METROPOLITAN MASKED BATTERY.



It makes a great deal of difference WHO owns the paper, and what INTEREST he has in the policies which his paper advocates.

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Commoner Comment.

A SOUTHERN OPINION.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans | sent to have the witnesses against it may fairly be considered the best rep- concealed in an adjoining room? Would resentative of democratic sentiment in it allow the witnesses to talk to the ating at Vanderbilt university he en- flict and in restoring peace to St. Louis the south. The Courier-Journal for- court or jury through a speaking tube, gaged in the practice of law in his were of inestimable value to the citimerly held the premiership in southern relieved from the scrutiny of a crossjournalism, but forfeited the place by examination.

fell to the Atlanta Constitution, but "Do these newspapers tell the truth; profession. He took a lively interest Folk to be discussed by the people, is that paper by its advocacy of colonial- do they preach sound doctrine; do they, in policical affairs as a public-spirited his refusal of a \$15,000 house which a ism and by its surrender of the demo- in their daily exhortations, seek to set citizen, and was a warm supporter of committee of citizens tendered him as cratic position on other questions "in the feet of democracy into the paths the national democratic ticket in 1896, a token of appreciation of his services higher prices for the public. Some the interests of harmony" leaving the of safety?" The ...mes talks as if the in September, 1900, a committee of to the public. His reasons for refusing strikes have been settled with this in tation, in official life or out, they may leadership of the southern press to the readers of the newspaper accepted its prominent democrats waited upon him that he had done nothing more than Times-Democrat, and this leadership is utterances as if they were utterances with a request that he accept the demheing well sustained. Its editorials are atrong and clear, and they draw a prop-more intumate acquaintance with that he accept the definition of the propriate to receive valuable gifts nev. Mr. Folk replied that his law er distinction between the Hamiltonian editorial oracle might show that the practice was confined to the civil reasons that appeal to all men of a ideas, which prevail among the re- voice was anything but heavenly, and branch of the law, and that he could fine sense of honor; they are reasons. publican and gold democrats, and the that the inspiration came from an en- not accept. When the committee re- however, which are very often over-Jeffersonian views which prevail among tirely different quarter.

veloped an astonish amount of corrup- Folk has stamped himself as a man of tion and given him a place in the con- note: in the spring and summer of fidence and esteem of an increasing 1900 when St. Louis was almost in a number of people state of civil war on account of the

"Joseph W. Folk was born in Brown- great street railway strike, the striking fendant in a suit at law, would it con- ville, Tenn., on October 28, 1869. He railroad men requested Mr. Folk to the Missouri anti-trust act and were comes of a distinguished southern fam- represent them. He did so, and his ily, always democratic. After gradu- services in arbitrating that great conhome town. Brownville; then in 1893 zens at large as well as to the strikers

he removed to St. Louis, where he en- whom he more specially represented. its apostacy in 1896. The honor then The Times says that the vital thing is tered into the active practice of his The latest episode which has caused

the believers in the Chicago and Kan-sas City platforms. Its manner of deal-ing with the present situation is well boles of Wall street." while his agent ing with the present situation is well holes of Wall street," while his agent, that if he declined it would have to be contrasted with the action of some pub-Illustrated in its recent editorial on the editor, is filling the columns of the paper with competent hands. But sup- der these circumstances, a second cept houses or any other gifts tendered will be found on another page. Its sum- pose the editor is numbered among declination was impossible, but Mr. them.

AND THE PEOPLE PAY a great part among the nations whether we wish to or no, and the only question for us is whether we

OF WHAT AVAIL IS IT TO FINE shall play it well or ill. They will MONOPOLIES?

The Amounts Are at Once Collected, with Interest, from the Public-How Much Longer Will the Voters Submit to Be Plundered?

A singular ending came to the prosepolicy. Paraphrased for that applicution of the Federal Salt companycation it should read: Don't build a he California salt trust-in the Unitmonster navy unless you mean to ed States district court at San Franuse it isco. The prosecution was under the That was not exactly what Mr. Sherman anti-trust act and the attor-

ney of the trust entered a plea of 'guilty.'

big navy policy necessarily means. The maximum fine for each offense To go to the desperado statesmen of inder the law is \$5,000. Probably in the kind quoted by Mr. Roosevelt for his case a lighter sentence will be imfurther illumination, we all know that posed. It is said that when this trust those eminently strenuous herces did was formed a few years ago the price not load themselves down with deadof salt throughout California was increased from \$6 to \$30 a ton. The people of California may and

them probably will have to pay the amount of any judgment entered against the of the fact that the practice by the rust. The example of making the peo men of "the range of making walkple pay the fines imposed on the trusts ing arsenals of themselves was not was established in Minneapolis. The at all conducive to peace. Neither is burden always falls on the people.

a like practice among nations any In Minneapolis a suit against the more than the locating of powder Standard Oil trust was successful and mills in the midst of great cities a fine of \$7,500 was imposed. The fine would be conducive to safety. was promptly paid and the same day Isn't it about time for the American the price of gasoline-a Standard Oil people to tire of desperado statesmanby-product---was increased by five ship and begin once more to put faith cents a gallon. The amount of the in the power and greatness of a noble \$7,500 mulct was soon realized and then the increase of five cents a galion for gasoline was remitted. The ward all who aspire to freedom from

people, not the trust, yaid the fine. More recently various butchering companies with headquarters at Kansas City were found guilty of violating

fined \$5,000 each. They did not appeal the cases, but paid the fines. The next day the price of beef at the Kansas City establishments was raised two cents a pound.

In like manner most of the labor strikes which result in an increase of wages or in any other expense to the employer are quickly followed by view.

The fact that the price of anthracite coal has been advanced enough to pay the companies for the cost of the strike last year is apparent in current quotations.

> In these cases it appears that the ly exposed and the proper remedies trusts and others are able within the

Iowa Farms 54 Per Acre Cash, balance 16 crop till paid. MULHALL, Slour City, Ia.

King Expects to Be Eaten.

remember also that he holds as a The king of Siam apparently posweakling and a craven anyone who sesses a sense of diplomatic humor. ventures to think we may not need a He is quoted as saying he has no housand warships, more or less, with idea that "benevolent assimilation" will let him alone. "I know," ho At Tacoma he quoted the motto said, "that I shall be one day eaten with English or French sauce. The which tells its own story of its orilatter is too tasteless. I prefer the gin-"Never draw unless you mean English sauce, mixed with the famous to shoot"-applied it to our foreign lapanese sauce."

A Royal Coal Stoker.

The story is current that the Duke of Cannaught, when coming home from India in the battleship Renown, determined to inquire personally into Roosevelt winhed to be understood as the conditions of naval stokers. In meaning, but it is precisely what the spite of protests he descended into the boiler room. Having been provided with a proper kit and a shovel, he proceeded to stoke coal with all the enthusiasm at his command. At the end of half an hour his royal highness confessed that he had enough, ly weapons and carry them wherever and he yielded up his shovel with the they went with no intention of using admission that naval stokers have no easy time.

Why It is the Best

is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 couts

An Interesting Old Coin.

While George W. Rogers of Adams, N. Y., was doing some spring plowing last week he turned up a gold medal about the size of a modern quarter. It bears the date of 1816, and on one side are the words: "Sir Isaac Brock, the Hero of Upper Canada.' example of successful self-govern- On the other, "Success to Commerce ment of that cordial good will to and Peace to the World," with a monument represented in the center. an alien voke which calls forth friend-

Oldest American Naval Veteran.

In the naval home in Philadelphia William Mackabee will celebrate his 100th birthday next September. He is the oldest living veteran of the American navy. Born in Baltimore in 1803, he joined the frigate Constitution as an apprentice in 1817. He served nearly continuously in the navy until old age sent him to the naval home.

a do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds .- JOHN F BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Tolstoi Helps the Jews. Count Tolstoi's contribution of \$7,500 in aid of the persecuted Jews department, due to the rapid growth of Kishineff is one of the largest made in Russia. Though not a Jew. and a harsh critic at times of the Jewish theology, Tolstoi has not hesitated to denounce in unmeasured terms the treatment of the race by the Russian government and people,

cion and hate? Go to the Bottom of It. The public is not at all interested in the personality of the dismissed cashier of the Washington postoffice, who has brought charges of irregular-

which to play the part well.

Mr. Roosevelt must be well aware

ship and gratitude instead of suspi-

Apparently No Danger.

Secretary Hay's "Open Door."

ities in the conduct of that office in relation to the general postoffice department. But the public is seriousconcerned that these charges and all other charges shall be investigated thoroughly, regardless of whose repuaffect. There is more than suspicion.

It is admitted that there are defects in the organization of the postoffice of its vast business. What is now imperatively demanded is that these defects, great and small, be thorough-

applied. law to make the people pay the cost

The practitioner of this kidney is but f by injunction-hasn't the reader a right the undertaker's advance agent."

MASKED BATTERIES.

interview, Mr. Bryan mentioned some tion of the so-called impersonal, but democratic, but which can be relied resentative of some plutocratic interapon to support any republican policy est or group of interests. in which the financiers of the country are interested. He expressed the wish that the law might compel a disclosure of the names of the men who really dicbraska are called upon to mourn the tate the editorial policy of papers. untimely demise of ex-Congressman Among these the New York Times was referred to by name. The Times refers to this comment and attempts to defend the papers which speak as corporations without a personality behind gress, and was an ideal representative, by an element of practical politicians, the corporation. It says:

"We regard that, and Mr. Bryan ought to regard it, as a real negligible detail. The vital question is, 'Do these dren a more valuable legacy than papers tell the truth; do they teach money. sound doctrine; and do they in their daily exhortations, seek to set the feet of democracy into paths of safety?" These are the important things; if the York, president of the Cuban-American came intensified when later on Mr. Folk newspaper is sound, then Mr. Bryan league, was asked at the close of one actually prosecuted and convicted the may leave the supposed dictator of its of his lectures: "What is the correct head boss of the party, the man with-policy to his money grubbing in the conception of democracy?" He re- out whose support few men in St. Louis dust-holes of Wall street, for, though plied: "It is th aspiration-a deter- during the last quarter of a century it may cause him daily anguish, how mined purpose-hoping for, struggling have dared to aspire to a democratic the poor wretch shows his wisdom by for fighting to the death for, Liberty- nomination. Corruption has been ramcommitting to more competent hands the equal well-being of all men. It is pant in the city for many years, but the filling of its columns!"

owner or the dictator of its policy, pre- equality of all men. It is the golden circuit attorney had dared assail them. sents this puerile defence of the news- rule, the ten commandments, the Ser- Mr. Folk has shattered this stronghold paper which fires its daily round from mon on the Mount, and the American of corruption, and has laid bare more ambush. So it makes no difference at Declaration expressed in a single official bribery than was ever before them and substitute other bonds. As all who controls the paper! Suppose word."

publican leaders, would its advice to

it should appear that the Times was The word "democracy," it will be It was freely predicted, when Folk se- would have to be retired if the bonds owned by John D. Rockefeller (of seen, has a meaning deep and broad. It cured a three-year sentence in the pen- were redeemed and cancelled. course this is only a supposition). derived from the Greek and means the itentiary for the millionaire head of the would its defence of trusts have as rule of the people, and the rule of the democratic "machine" in St. Louis. can issue notes, but those notes are much weight as if it were owned by people, resting as it does upon the doc- that the powerful influences back of the subject to a 10 per cent tax. It was some one not at all connected with the trines set for in the Declaration of In- millionaire boodler would crush the intended to be prohibitory, and has trusts? Suppose it were owned by dependence, can only be preserved by daring official. It is sam now by the the officials of the National City bank? the cultivation of a profound and uni- incensed followers of the "boss" that Would its defence of every Wall street versal respect for human rights.

scheme have the same weight as if it Both aristocracy and plutocracy are that Mr. Folk can not receive a sec- boycott silver. The banks are so dewere owned by some one who could constantly at war with democracy and ond nomination. however, humble, pendent upon the government that they view the subject disinterestedly? Sup- the democrat mupst be not only vigi- from a democratic convention. A dif- could not afford, and would not attoose (and this may not be a supposi- lant and active, but he must know that ferent view is held by others, but how- tempt, to oppose the policy of the party tion) it is owned by a man who habit- his own security rests upon the protec- ever this may be, it is certain that out- in power. ually votes the republican ticket and is tion of the equal rights of all. in constant communication with the re-

JOSEPH W. FOLK.

JOHN S. ROBINSON.

The democrats and populists of Ne-

clean in private life, industrious, able,

DEMOCRACY DEFINED.

democrats have as much weight as it would if it were owned by a man whose in by a friend of Hon. Joseph W. Folk, ored than that of Joseph W. Folk. fidelity to democratic principles was city attorney of St. Louis, whose perunquestioned?e Times was a de- sistent prosecution of boodlers has de-

Mr. Baer, the anthracite coal king, President Roosevelt, when at Keokuk, Ia. received a miniature fac admitted before the interstate com- temporary injunction restraining the simile of the first American flag made merce commission that he fixed the Wabash employes from striking. It by Betsey Ross. It was a gift of a price of anthracite coal, and he also was dissolved upon full hearing, the descendant of the maker of the first admitted that there was an agreement court finding that the all gations of section of the Cleveland democrats fing. The dispatches do not say among the coal roads not to undersell the petition were not sustained. As that made it possible for Mr. McKinley whether the donor called attention to each other. This seems to be a viola- soon as the injunction was dissolved to be elected twice and for President the fact that the Betsey Ross flag tion of the criminal clause of the Sher- the company proceeded to settle with Roosevelt to inject the race question never stood for a European colonial man law, but as the amount realized by its employes, showing that the railroad into politics. system. That change has come about Mr. Baer from the violation is very companies rely upon government by large he will not have to go to jail. under a republican administration.

Mr. Hanna's great feat of marching the anti-libel law of Pennsylvania, but

ming up is accurate and comprehen-sive. "If the country prefers republi-in policies the reins of power should in the other, and suppose ne is told to in policies the reins of power should in the policies of power policies in criminals. "He who violates if it is in criminals. "He who violates are and already the boodlers of Jefbe entrusted to republican hands; if write on the capitalist side of every the law," said Mr. Folk, "is not a demo- ferson Uity are preparing to join the democratic remedies are desired a question-to defend the gold standard crat, neither is he a republican-he is boodlers of St. Louis, either in the pendemocratic doctor should be called in. Let us have no more quacks who give bread pills and poison by turns with-bread pills and poison by turns withont thought of the patient's disease, imperialism and glorify government it did not deter them from giving Folk sign under the Folk calcium light and to know the influences which control and the interests that guide the ediand the interests that guide the edi-torial pencil? The defence made by the had cast a republican majority of 10,- or's benc. and there wrote out amend-had cast a republican majority of 10,-In discussing newspapers in a recent Times is in itself a sufficient condemna-000, and it was not supposed in No- ments to bills and sent them into the vember, 1900, that Folk could be elect- senate to be adopted by their servile of the papers which call themselves more often subsidized, newspaper rep-ed. In this, however, both friends and tools. Servility on the part of the senfoes were surprised: he was elected by ators was obtained by a liberal dispena handsome majority, and immediately sation of thousand-dollar bills. This

upon taking office in January, 1901, he gave evidence of his sincerity by disgraceful practice made the office of a Missouri legislator profitable, finanprosecuting election repeaters, regard- cially speaking, but it is safe to say less of the political party in whose in- the practice will be discontinued durterests their frauds had been commit-ted. When certain notorious democumbed to an attack of appendicitis. cratic "Indians" were given penitenindicted and on the road to the peniten-Mr. Robinson served two terms in con-tiary sentences a great outcry was made tiary, and with a circuit attorney absolutely fearless even of the most nowand a demand was made upon Mr. Folk erful political bosses in the state, it incorruptible and faithful to every to confine his prosecution of election it not probable that legislators will sell trust. He leaves to his widow and chil- fraud cases to republican "Indians." their votes again. A refusal to comply with this demand

aroused against the circuit attorney the THREE QUESTIONS ANSWERED. A reader of The Commoner asks bitterest animosity of some of the three questions: most potent politicians in the St. Louis First-What provision is made to in-Mr. William O. McDowell, of New democracy, an animosity which be-

sure retirement of national bank notes when the bonds upon which they are issued have matured or have been re-Second-Can any state bank issue

notes for circulation within the borders of the state? Third-Would it be possible for the

banks to organize a boycott against a religion built upon a creed that as- so prominent and powerful were the silver and silver certificates in case The Times, instead of disclosing its serts the natural dignity and birthright beneficiaries of that corruption, no silver was restored?

Answer to the first: If the bank is using bonds at the time of the maturity of the bonds it can withdraw discolsed in the history of the world. bank notes today rest upon bonds they

> protectionist"? Auswer to the second: A state hank proven so.

Answer to the third: The banks the prediction has been verified, and would not find it to their interest to

The business interests of the country zens, republicans as well as democrats, know where to lay the blame if things go wrong. The president has reopened the "settled money question" by de-"Quite apart from his brilliant rec- claring that our currency laws need

> Some of the gold papers of the south are giving Mr. Cleveland credit for trying to settle the race question. They should remember that it was the deprotection, but with protection, wher-

If the reorganizers had been half as day of industrial independence and much in favor of harmony in 1896 as liberty has arrived? they pretend to be now, we would not

of all the strikes and the amount of the judgments which they incur for Would the steel trust be put out of violating the laws. No stronger proof of the "cornered" conditions of American industry and production can be supplied.

Between the great employers and their striking employes, suffering for is exacted from our home consumers? some more, my son," said the proall of their misdeeds, are millions of Would the window glass trust lack fessor, "if you will tell me what you law-abiding Americans who derive no benefit from favoring laws and who have not as yet been able to corner more than doubled the price of glass anything. To them "prosperity" means nothing but extortionate and ever-increasing prices for necessities. products in a year, selling them in How long will they submit to the open competition in every market in the world, require any longer protec-

present policies under which they are tion which averages higher than the plundered. war tariff of forty years ago?

Lacey's lowa Idea. It is through the medium of Con-

gressman Lacey of Iowa that Washington formulates for lowa the lowa idea.

have the State department take some action to keep open the door in Man-At a banquet in Des Moines the churia, so a press dispatch tells us. other night Mr. Lacey held up Henry Clay to admiration as "the original This does not seem to agree with the protectionist," coupling his name with announcement of Secretary Hay, who that of McKinley and others. stated that "Clay shed his first blood are. There are some strange anomalfor protection" in a duel with Hum- les under this administration, that The frame of the table is of rosephrey Marshall. Said Mr. Lacey: Providence has vouchsafed to us, and wood, and the six pockets-perhaps "He regarded a clothing schedule as the "open door" is one of them. sufficiently sacred in those days to be

willing to die for it."

out further favors.

An Example of Inequity. Our excessively conjugal fellow Mr. Lacey omitted to recall some things in the career of that old hero plain of the hardship of his lot. of sacred robbery of the many for the Though he has but four wives he is enrichment of the few. When the opcast into prison, while our good friend ponent of that system called attention and brother Hadji Mohammed Woloto the fact that it was for the benefit mol Kiram of Sulu, who has forty or of the rich-the manufacturing capitalists-at the expense of consumers, including the poor, Mr. Clay was frank government and wallows in the lap enough to admit it and attempt to jusof luxury. Here, evidently, is intify it. "Take care of the rich," said equity .- Chicago Chronicle. Clay, "and the rich will take care of the poor."

Has the Record as a Talker. Will Mr. Lacey be equally frank? Mr. Roosevelt, as the head of a If so why does he take care to dodge

great state, has so completely that famous doctrine of "the original smashed all records, both domestic and foreign, in the oratorical line that Another thing that Mr. Lacey omits no ruler, ancient or modern, remains to recall is the fact that Mr. Clay in the same class with him. It is a never defended protection as a perphase of his administration entirely manent policy or even as a sound ecounanticipated and therefore doubly nomic policy for other than defensive

interesting. He is incontestibly the purposes. It was wanted only to esone man in the line from Washington tablish manufactures of necessary to himself who can claim the title of articles so that the country would not "the talking president." be subjected to privation in case commerce should be interrupted by war.

"Paternalism," Indeed. especially by war with England. Pro-Twenty Americans in Manila raided tection for about ten years he thought the stage of a local theater and broke would be long enough to enable our manufacturers to hold their own with- up a "seditious" performance. The sedition consisted in the waving by a woman of a Katipunan emblem and

What has Mr. Lacey to say to that the expression of a hope for freedom. doctrine? We have had protection, Were the rioters punished? No; they higher and more of it, for more than were praised. And "semi-seditions forty years, and now it is notorious plays" are to be more carefully centhat our manufacturers can sell their sored. This is "paternalism" with a goods and wares in the markets of vengeance. their keenest rivals not only without

The Tariff Responsible.

ever there is any, wholly against them it is the tariff which allows the and in favor of their rivals. Under trusts to make these high prices for these conditions is he not about ready their products. Had there been no to admit that Henry Clay's promised such overcapitalized combinations the foods. These did not seem to nourish

competition between the separate es- me and instead of getting better every tablishments would give to the people day I was just at a standstill and

What He Was Celebrating,

President Jacob Gould Schurman, business even by the entire repeal of of Cornell university, was born in the 45 per cent duties under which it Novia Scotia. Last Fourth of July practically monopolizes the home mar- his young son used up all his fireket and sells abroad \$100,000,000 a crackers before dusk and begged his year, much of it at a lower price than father for more money. "I'll give you reasonable prosperity if its 80 to 100 are celebrating." "That's easy, dad," per cent protection under which it has said the lad, who was born in New York state. "This is the anniversary were reduced? Do the manufacturers lows." An extra and unexpectedly of the day when we licked you felwho export \$400,000,000 worth of their large supply of cash was forthcoming on the spot.

An Historic Billiard Table.

There is a billiard table in London at the present moment that can boast of a lifetime of two centuries and a long acquaintance with men who have Some of our New York capitalists made history. It belonged originally are making a determined effort to to Louis XIV., passed into the possession of Napoleon I., and now, in its old age, has come into the hands of Messrs. Orme & Sons, and is on exhibition in Soho square. This celebrated table is smaller than an English table. The body of the table is He says the door is open, but there you a block of oak, weighing 10,000 pounds, covered with a cloth of electric blue. the most striking feature of the tableare reproductions in bronze of queer, bideous old gargovles. When the ball falls into the pocket the lower jaw townsman Mr. Mills may justly com- of the gargovle drops, and the ball is found in the mouth. It is a clever bi' of ancient mechanism.

They All Saved the Seeds

A western politician is authority for the following story: Mark Hanna such a matter, draws \$188.88 per once gave a banquet in Ohio to fifty month (Mexican) from a paternal farmers. The dessert was to be twenty-five luscious Georgia watermelons. The day before the dinner Mr. Hanna had the melons plugged and poured a pint of champagne into each mellon. then placed them on ice. After the dinner each farmer got half a melon. They began tasting them, winked at each other, looked wise, and before the affair was over every farmer was slipping the seeds into his vest pocket.

> Wet boots and expected pleasures are hard to put off.

THAT'S THE TIME

When Proper Food Is Necessary.

Proper food is never more necessary than when recovering from a wasting sickness, when over-eating would be fatal, and yet the body needs nourishment and plenty of it.

At this time the condensed food Grape-Nuts is shown to be one's most powerful Friend. Four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream will sustain a healthy man for half a day, and a less quantity in warm wilk will build up the convalescent wonderfully. No stomach is too weak to digest and relish Grape-Nuts. "I was taken sick with typhoid fever and everyone who has had this disease knows how weak and lifeless a person feels when beginning to recuperate. .

"I had to be very careful about my diet and could eat only very light

injunction to assist them in coercing The Chicago Chronicle commends their employes.

The indications are that Mr. Hann

side the ranks of "practical' politicians among the great mass of honest citi-The following sketch has been sent no name in Missouri is now more honord in the circuit attorney's office, Mr. modification.

An inquirer asks what became of the

up the hill and then marching down again is another feature added to some already spectacular political history. Secretary Gage in his speech at Chi- cago said: "It is no more necessary to put up full security for every note is- swed than it is for an insurance com- pany to set aside full security for the full amount of risks taken." Suppose a man wants to borrow at a bank; he must put up full security. Why should the bank issue money on less securit?" Mr. Fowler continues to be so thor- oughly opposed to a silver dollar which he declares to be nalf fiat. The usual crimp in republican logic con- tinues to manifest itself in Mr. Fow- ler's financial utterances.	White house bed has not been slept in for several consecutive weeks. The republican state convention of Pennsylvania has indorsed everything bearing the name republican. This, however, is not much of a vindication for Pennypacker's libel law nor of the civic virtue of a million citizens who meekly submit to the sort of thing im- posed upon them by the most corrupt political machine in the world. Governor General Taft announces that he has discovered a fine health re- sort in Luzon. This is calculated to renew the activity of Mr. Hull of Iowa, who has managed to pull off some very	on us. Nebraska's republican legislature en- acted a law increasing the assessment roll from \$150,000,000 to \$300,000,000, and the republican state board of equalization promptly raised the rail- road assessment a fraction less than 2 per cent. This is notice to farmers and small home owners that they must prepare to dig up enough to pay a big increase in their taxes. People who insist that the expansion accomplished under Jefferson was the precedent followed in the expansion practiced in the Philippines are in- vited to read the two treaties and com- pare them.	Desperado Statesmanship. When Mr. Roosevelt reached Ta- coma on his circular swing he made a speech in which he said he wished to say one word "on our foreign policy and upon what must ever be the main prop of any good foreign policy—the American navy." If people will cudgel their memo- ries a little they may recall some- thing of that kind that they have heard before from the same source. Indeed, they can hardly fail to recall the fact that Mr. Roosevelt has been harping continuously upon the duty of going on with tremendous and unflagging energy for an unlimited ime building and manning warships. They will no doubt recall words	cost of production and would make the prosperity more general and more enduring. The Candidate for 1904. The candidate for 1904 must com- mand the confidence of the sober bust- ness men of the country as well as the wage-earners. He must be a champion of the people without pan- dering to their follies and he must be ready to protect the property of the country without failing to curb its arrogance. Too Much Water. The ship building trust is being re- organized. It was found that two or three hundred per cent of water was	day while lying in bed very much dis- couraged my sister, who was reading to me from the paper, read an article about Grape Nuts and we decided to send for a package. "From the very first meal of Grape- Nuts I began to improve, strength came in bounds and leaps, with the result that I was soon out of bed; my change for the better seemed simply marvelous. My mind is clear and strong and my body sturdy. I am now entirely recovered." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There is a reason. A dessert that helps the body, that's the thing! Any number of them in the little recipe book in each package	
ter a maneral decorate an			of his to the effect that we must play	too much for it to float in.	or Grape-Nuts.	