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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Canton and Lincoln are once more in the same class.

Repealing bad laws is one thing and enacting good laws a very different thing.

The second dozen of American presidents is admirably rounded out by William McKinley

It will be some time before we have a president who attempts to wrest from Mr. Cleveland the veto record he has made.

In Senator Teller's opinion we have not had a really capable secretary of gestion of amexing the Hawaiian islands. the interior since Secretary Teller held down the job.

The Bee desires to express the sincere the ducks he deserves on his present pleasure excursion.

sent out to bring it in.

When our state institutions get all the new wings they have asked of the legislature, they ought to be in condition to fly with the fastest of our birds.

If any one has any good reason why woman suffrage should be inaugurated in irrigation districts' created for the purpose of voting irrigation bonds, he has not yet made it public.

Colonel McCook may not have secured the attorney generalship, but he had his pictures printed in all the picture gallery newspapers, and that ought to afford a solace to take the edge off of his disappointment.

President Cleveland's latest fishing expedition is simply an experiment to ascertain in the interest of pure science whether fish can recognize the difference between a hook baited by a president and a hook baited by an ex-president.

According to a recent consular report there is a good market in Germany for low-priced American bicycles, but no sale for the \$100 wheel that is the standard in this country. Condensed in a nutshell, the American market is the best market in the world.

It is hoped that the Mexicans, who appear to be agitated over certain negotiations for the return of American not carry out their awful threat of forcibly taking away from the United States the whole of its southwestern territory.

St. Louis is just about to reject its appointive school board and come to a school board consisting of members elected at large for the whole city. The nearer the management of the public schools is brought to the people the safer and more reliable will be their progress.

Ex-President Cleveland has the distinction of being the only president who has ever participated in his official capacity in four inaugural ceremonies. Various predecessors were themselves twice installed as chief executive, but none of them ever helped to install more than one successor.

A New York preacher of the sensa tional variety has come to the resemof the trusts with a pulpit defense of their methods and objects and a cierical endorsement for the good they are accomplishing. A census has not yet been taken of the minister's congregation. but it might give results of interest to the public.

Montana legislators must be made of peculiar stuff. A member of the Montana legislature has not only accepted bribes, but admitted accepting them, and has been expelled for corruption. Members of other legislatures who accept bribes are generally too smart to be caught at it, and even when caught persist in denials.

NO ANNEXATION OR EXTENSION. his inaugural enunciated his opposition any kind of legal tender money by private to any policy looking toward the annexation of territory or extension of the present boundaries of the United States, the zealots who want the American flag to float over Havana and Hono-Inly have not ceased their agitation. Already the dispatches from Washington announce that the scheme for Hapushed in congress and out of congress.
The Cuban enthusiasts are also active and their clamor for the recognition of our country. We are therefore opposed nounced unrepublican character, and Cuba's independence is simply the prelude to a demand for complete annexation. Obviously it will require all the esses to resist the pressure that will acquisition and political adventurers who hope to make their fortunes as governors of islands or as surveyors of ports.

The craving for an American empire well as all the coral reefs of the Pacliic is by no means entirely new. The cision of the ballot box was against any manifest destiny patriot has been abroad change in our monetary system until in the land back as far as memory an international agreement shall have in the days when the filibustering experence recommending to congress prompt com-20,550 ditions of Captain Walker sought to pliance with the platform pledges of 557,918 annex Cuba for the purpose of extend-19,505 numerous when "Fifty-four, forty or elected him. fight" was the political battlecry. He was rampant after the war of secession when the San Domingo deal was proposed as the preliminary step to the acquisition of Cuba. No man in public life handled the annexation question more ably than did General Garfield, whose terse speech delivered in the house of representatives April 6, 1876, embodies the pith of the issue in the following extract:

I trust that we have seen the last of our annexations, and in this remark I include the whole group of West India islands | Hayes, and he made an excellent record and the whole of the Mexican territory contiguous to the United States. Both these had diplomatic experience and is fully Islands and Mexico are inhabited by people of the Latin races, strongly degenerated by their mixture with native races-a population occupying a territory that naturally enfeebles man, a population and a territory that I carnestly hope may never be made an integral part of the United States. I cannot more strongly state my view of that subject than by saying that if the island of Cuba were offered to us with the consent of all the powers of the world, and \$100,000,000 in gold were effered as a bonus for its acceptance. I would unhesitatingly decline the offer. We occupy a portion of that great northern zone possessions into the tropical belt we should weaken the power of our people and government. Hence I disclaim any purpose or sug-

wish that Grover Cleveland may get all months, and yet men who were active doubted that no man is more heartily partisans in the late presidential cam- in sympathy with the sentiment of the If some one does not sight that air- fought. Within twenty-four hours after ful relations between England and the tion that the ordinary facilities for ship by daylight very soon a legislative President McKinley had taken his oath United States. Imbued as he is with travel between smaller towns and off investigating committee will have to be of office the new chief executive is taken the sterling patriotic sentiment instilled purpose of revising the tariff, which we abroad as the best representative of are told "has been distinctly repudiated American feeling toward the nation to at the polls," "This session," petulantly which he will be accredited. What to be called not to undertake the re- in the inaugural address of President form of the currency system or the im- McKinley. It is absolutely cordial and if not positively injurious,"

What was the issue of 'ninety-six? Surely no one who took an active in- land. The duty and expediency of terest in the campaign could have been | maintaining and perpetuating friendly 'ninety-six were set forth in the plat- more than President McKinley. forms upon which McKinley and Bryan was elected made the following declara-

foreign products and encourages home infustry; it puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods; it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American its reasonable application it is just, fair and flags captured in the war of 1847, will impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic menopoly, to sectional discrimination and individual favoritiem. * * * We are not pledged to any particular sched-

ules. The question of rates is a practical question, to be governed by the conditions of the time and of production; the ruling and uncompromising principle is the protect tion and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right setdement, and then it wants rest.

This positive pledge of tariff revision McKinley and the republican party are obligated to redeem at the earliest possible moment, even if there were no deficit in the treasury calling for legislation to increase our revenues,

Grant that the money question was the paramount issue of the late cara paign, as contended by the supporters of Brynn, who dared not discuss the tariff, what obligations have McKinley what was the import of the popular verdlet of last November? The poporatic position on the money question was enunciated in the Chicago platform in follows:

Recognizing that the money question of paramount to all others at this time, we in vite attention to the fact that the federal constitution names sliver and gold together as the money metals of the United States, and that the first coinage law passed by congress under the constitution made the eilver dollar the monetary unit and admitted gold to free colnage at a ratio based upon the silver-dollar unit. . . . We demand the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. We demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender equally with gold, for all debts, public and

private, and we favor such legislation as will

contract. This was a peremptory demand for a change in our money standard and was met by the republicans in the following

declaration The republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1879; since then every dolwallan unnexation is to be vigorously lar has been as good as gold. We are unto the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such fortitude which the new president pos- agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved. All our silcome from political friends who are ver and paper currency must be maintained. It is well remembered that the changes honors conferred upon their fathers. afflicted with the mania for territorial at parity with gold, and we favor all meanurea designed to maintain inviolably the obligations of the United States and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

With the issue of 16 to 1 free coinage that embraces all of North America as versus the existing gold standard thus squarely joined, the indisputable dereaches. He occupied seats in congress been secured. To arraign McKinley for 'ninety-six is an imputation upon his ing the area of negro slavery for the political honor, as well as upon his sense southern plantation lords. He was very of duty to the American people who

AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES. It seems to be practically settled that fies him for any position in that service.

Colonel Hay was first assistant sec-

retary of state under Secretary Evarts, in the administration of President in that position. Besides that he has equipped for the duties that would devolve upon him as the representative of the United States at the British court. Colonel Hay is an accomplished gentleman, of well established literary attainments and of attested ability as an orator, and there can be no doubt that he would maintain the character which the United States has established at the British court as the foremost of all nations in literary utterances. For a number of years the United States has easily which girdles the world and which has been held precedence in this respect and it the theater of the greatest achievements of is entirely safe to say that it would civilization, especially in the history of the maintain this precedence with Colonel Anglo-Saxon race, and should we extend our Hay as its representative. It is also safe to say that Colonel Hay would be an absolutely patriotic and conservative representative of the United States at the British court. No man in the country WHAT WAS THE ISSUE OF 'NINETY-SIXT is more familiar than he with the tradi-From the fifth day of November to tional policy of the country in regard to the fifth day of March it is only four our foreign relations and it is not to be paign have already begun to pervert the president and with the general public calling congress in extra session for the an active part, Colonel Hay will go exclaims our Chicago contemporary, "is that feeling is has been clearly indicated to re-enact laws which are ineffectual especially so with regard to that nation with which we have the greatest deal ings, commercial and otherwise-Engoblivious to the questions upon which relations with that nation is realized by the country divided. The issues of every intelligent American and by none

These considerations give great imconfronted each other. The first plank portance to the appointment of an amin the platform upon which McKinley bassador to the court of St. James. scholar, but a man of thorough Amer-We renew and emphasize our allegiance to lean feeling and sentiment, who can be the policy of protection as the bulwark of depended upon under all conditions and oundation of American development and ideas and principles. The distinguished prosperity. This true American policy taxes gentleman who has occupied this posiwholly satisfied his countrymen in this respect, but criticism of his course can workingman; it puts the factory by the side to say now that his services were not tribution in the form of federal taxes. of the farm, and makes the American farmer | wholly without value. He was instruless dependent on foreign demand and price; mental, at least, in paving the way to a it diffuses general thrift, and founds the better understanding between the great strength of all on the strength of each. In English-speaking nations and this is no small honor. His successor will have devolved upon him the duty of com-Colonel John Hay.

THE MEETING TIME OF CONGRESS. The constitution provides that "The ongress shall assemble at least once in every year; and such meeting shah be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall, by law, appoint a different day." Thus in order to change the regular meeting time of congress it is not necessary to amend the constitution; a simple enactment is all that is required. In announcing his intention to call the Fifty-fifth congress in extraordinary session, President McKinley said: "It has always seemed to me that the postponement of the meeting of congress until more than a year after it and the republican party assumed and had been chosen deprives congress too often of the inspiration of the popular will the and responding benefits." This of the president is not an impulse, but is the conclusion of experience and careful deliberation. Having himself had a long service in congress, he per feetly understands what the effect of the postponed sessions is upon the representatives and hence what he says is entitled to great consideration. He speaks not as a theorist, but as one who has had experience in public affairs.

The question of changing the time of the meeting of congress has been frequently presented to the attention of the feeble minded indicates that the that body, but while it has received lesson of the fire has not been entirely more or less discussion it has never overlooked and that the new asylum to do it.

the American people are given to adher- edge of the modern architect, ence to custom and usage, so far as governmental business is concerned. regard to the rules of the house of repwhich he then introduced were bitterly opposed by the political opposition, yet when that opposition came into control sue the course inaugurated by the republican speaker. So far as the anticerned, everybody is familiar with the sentiment has for years been distinctly favorable to a change that would bring that body more in sympathy and accord with popular feeling.

In view of the indisposition that has the next ambassador at the court of St. It has been proposed that congress meet | way the correctness of the theory can James will be Colonel John Hay, who in April and cogent arguments have was one of the private secretaries of been advanced in support of that propostairs. Abraham Lincoln and has been iden- sition. It has also been urged that tified with the diplomatic service of the the new congress should meet simultanecountry to an extent which fully qualf- ously with the inauguration of the president. There are good reasons in support of this proposition, there being a until he has fought every other pug in very forceful one at present, when the crowd and settled the disputed quesowing to a change in the political charaction as to each one's relative merits. ter of the administration it is abso-| The pugs might then be willing to take lutely necessary to call an extraordinary revising the economic policy. This rival. means a very considerable extra expense to the people, yet under the circumstances it is unavoidable. As the president has clearly stated, duty to the public interests requires it.

But the situation presents more force fully than ever before the question whether the time of the meeting of congress should not be changed, so as to bring it nearer to the date of the change of administrations and also with a view to keeping congress, as suggested by President McKinley, more under the inspiration of the popular will.

American railway managers doubtless take great comfort in the report of the commission sent to this country by the German government to study American railroads in which they compliment our roads for speed and comfortable passenger transportation on the through lines between the great cities. There is no question that the best railway facilities in the United States are better than the best railway facilities in issues upon which the battle was sentiment in favor of maintaining peace. Europe, but neither is there any ques main lines are poorer here than abroad. to task by a leading Chicago daily for during the war period in which he took | Everything is done to attract competitive business, while patrons who must use a particular road are compelled to put up with rolling stock and train service that is next to intolerable. American railway managers must not be permitted to fall into the idea that there is no ground for the demand for improvement of our finances, but simply peaceful with respect to all nations, but provement in existing facilities afforded the public by their roads.

A great ado is being made over a statistical table showing that the per capita cost of running the national government has steadily increased since the foundation of the republic from \$1.39 in 1800 to about \$5.48 in 1895. Over the accuracy of the figures it is scarcely worth while to dispute. It must not be forgotten, however, that while the There is needed there not simply a average contribution of the citizen to the national treasury has increased, so have the various services which the government performs in return. In 1800 no-American industrial independence and the in all circumstances to uphold American body even dreamed of sending a letter to any part of the United States for 2 cents postage. If all the mail handled family. tion for the last four years has not by the postoffice in the year 1895 were paid for at the rate prevailing in 1800, the federal government would not have be left to the historian. It is sufficient to call on the citizen for much of a con-

The Untied States has a traditional foreign policy which has been adhered to with more or less vigor by every president since Washington. In a nutshell it is that of avoiding needless entanglepleting this work and we can think of ments with other nations and attending no one better qualified for this task than strictly to our own business while maintaining the dignity and honor of the nation abroad and protecting American citizens wherever they may happen to be. Our diplomatic history is a record of development along this line and anyone who expects to see it take a sudden turn in any new direction is very likely to be greatly disappointed.

It is impossible to revise the constitution through a constitutional convention in conformity with the provisions of the constitution of Nebraska in a shorter period than five years. The question whether a convention shall be called must be submitted by one legislature and if approved by the people is to be summoned by the succeeding legislature. while the proposed revision must then be laid before the people for ratification at the polls. Revision by amendment is a much more speedy and loss expensive form of changing the constitution in this state.

And it is almost incredible, though true, that less than four years ago the American people went half wild in their enthusiasm over the visit of the Spanish Infanta Eulalie and that other scion of Spanish nobility, the duke of Veragua.

The appropriation of over \$100,000 for rebuilding the burned Iowa asylum for

commanded sufficient support in either will be substantially constructed with a SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Although President McKinley has in prevent for the future the demonstration of branch of congress, so far as we re- view to the safety of the inmates. The member, to get the endorsement of the housing of helpless wards in fire-traps say on the Jonah theological controversy be house or the senate. Perhaps the failure and tinder-boxes is scarcely less than a would probably remark that it was pretty to change the time of meeting has been crime against humanity. The time due largely to the devotion to long-es- ought to be not far distant when every tablished custom. More than almost state institution for defectives will be any other civilized people in the world practically fireproof to the best knowl-

That was a noteworthy feature of the This is shown by the tenacity with inaugural parade to have five sons of also by the vindletive opposition that other aids, characteristic of the demowas manifested to the innovation cratic principles underlying the Ameriwhich was made by Speaker Reed in can government. In all these five can government. In all these five cases, whatever distinction the sons have attained has been independent of the bonors conferred upon their fathers.

Patients in Press: A Chicago clergyman has set his fellow citizens to discussing the question whether the earth is not being used by God as a breeding place from which to populate the planets. There is certainly no resentatives of the Fifty-first congress. attained has been independent of the

Before the legislature memorializes congress to enact legislation to prevent of the house it found it to be absolutely trusts and corporations dictating the necessary in order to do business to pur- economic utterances of college and university professors, it might not be quated rules of the senate are con- the alleged instances where such influence has been exerted and avoid fact that all efforts to change them protesting against some pretended abuse have proved unavailing, although public that nowhere exists except in the minds of imaginative zealots?

Rev. Frank Crane, tormerly of Omaha, but now of Chicago, is the progenitor of a new theory of peopling the stars with hitherto been shown by congress to de- the souls of departed men. As the part from the established custom, it author of the theory disclaims either bemay be doubted whether a change will lief or disbelief in it, he must not be be made in the near future, if ever, in disappointed if no one else expresses the time of the meeting of that body. willingness to subscribe to it. The only be tested is by climbing the golden

When all the pugs get together in Nevada a stockade ought to be erected and none of them permitted to escape a rest for a while without feeling uneasy session of congress for the purpose of about their ability to whip some hated

> If Mexico were a part of the United States it would be included in the transmississippi country. Mexico's promised participation in the Transmississippi Exposition is therefore both eminently proper and an indication that that country fully appreciates the advantages that it will gain by making a creditable exhibit at Omaha in 1898.

> Canada objects to the Alaska boundary treaty just agreed to by the representatives of the United States and Great Britain. It forgets how difficult it is to draw a boundary line in the Alaskan region without freezing somebody out of something.

The proposed experimental construction of steel grain elevators will be watched with no little interest by people in this part of the country. A fireproof grain elevator cheaply built is what has been wanted for long years.

> Then the Band Plays. Philadelphia Times

Frequently we hear allusions to the secret There is no secret about it Japan in the Procession.

Chicago Tribut

Japan has cut loose from China and Mex-ico and taken her stand with the enlightened nutions of the world. She does not propos to herd any longer with the unprogressiv silver nations and to submit to the losses and vexations of a fluctuating currency. She has acted wisely.

Bright Side of Politics.

The custom of entertaining the incoming president at a dinner by the outgoing one of very recent origin and a very priate one. It gives something of the ap searance of continuity to the administra tion, is a relief from partisan strife, and one of the flowers that grow on the walls

Value of a Man's Life.

The New York appellate court has re cently decided that damages of \$5,000 are by no means an overvaluation for the death of a man earning \$1.25 a day. The court, in passing on the case, lays down the rule that this sum is a narrow valuation for the mere material value of the man to his family, and that something ought to be allowed also fo the loss of affection, which has no pecuniary casure. This estimate of a man's val interesting measure as to the amount of insurance which ought to be car ried in order to make good his loss to his

Silly Naval Custom.

Ruffalo Express Admiral Farragut, the greatest man whom the American navy has produced, is to be honored by having a torpedo boat named for him. If he had been an Englishman his name would long ago have been given to one of the Minnesota legislature.
of the most conspicuous of the cruisers or merchandising into fifty-nine of the most conspicuous of the cruisers or battle ships. How much longer are the provides for a graduated occupation tax. naval authorities going to stick to the silly custom of naming all the finest vessels after states and cities—a practice which seems to have been adopted for the purpose of wheedling out of the honored communities presents of silver plate for the use of the officers?

Sweet Singer of Southerland. New York Sun

Our esteemed contemporary, the Carolina Spartan, imparts the glad news that P. Gordon Coogler, poet laureate of Columbia, has published his fifth volume of poems. P. Gordon Coogler, as his admirer well remarks, "is bold enough to attempt flights heretofore unessayed, and he writes verse as no othe man has ever written." P. Gordon Coogler is the only poet, in or out of South Carowhose works are read habitually by Captain Benjamin Tillman, and often they kept him from making a speech. country owes much to P. Gordon Coogler. He may be said to keep a Palmetto state poetry dispensary. Not the rattlesnake or the contents of the bottles which it guards can be more terrible than his dithyrambs. No cotton is softer or gentler than are his Arcadian songs. P. Gordon Coogler has often been called the Sir Edwin Arnold of

Modern Invasion of Egypt. Cairo (Egypt) Sphinx

Trams! Trams! Three plastres to the Great Pyramid! What a desecration! There is something stupendous and grandlo about that hoary monument of antiquity in its loneliners, hallowed by the past centuries at once a puzzle and an awe in its magnificent solitude. Now there is to be an electric tram from Kasr-el-Nil bridge to the pyramid The modern spirit of innovation cares nothing for the solemnity of solitude and nothing for the fitness of things. Next, there will be a restaurant on the top of that giant pile and a hydraulic lift to carry one to the top. The times are indeed changed and we with "Drink Cheop's Bitters," "Pyramid in the best," "After visiting Chufu's omb take Parasyncraterkolopoulo's brandy These and others will greet the eyes of visit-ors to the pyramid next year. The fates forefend and may the Society for the Preservation of Egyptian Antiquities forbid. O Cairenes, if you wish to diaguat the best

Minneapolis Journal: If the whale had his hard to keep a good man down.

Chicago Times-Herald: A New York preacher now thinks that "perhaps Jonah was awallowed by a chark." Then why not let the sharks swallow that story? Chicago Chroniefe: David should feel highly complimented when he learns that Dr. Abbut believes that some of the psalms are worthy to rank with "My Country, "Tis of

Minneapolis Times: Sam Jones' price for "fighting the devil a month" is \$2,000. Mr. Jones has not been reading the newspapers very carefully of late or he would know that the only fights in which people take much pecuniary interest just now are finish fights. Mr. Jones' work smacks of the hippodrome. Jones' work smacks of the hippodrome Philadelphia Press: A Chicago clergyman means of finding out the truth of the matter, and its chief attraction seems to be that it has no application to any one of the man vexed practical questions of the hour.

New York Tribune: An Atlanta, Ga. clergyman denounces "beautiful women, members of our churches, who gamble for prizes against the law of both God and man. ome of them, I am reliably informed, entirely out of place to verify a few of long to two, three or even four card clubs and devote the greater part of every to the wicked chance," He ha faccinations of games of He has no word of conde a southerner, he probably believes that there are none of that description.

THE MOSES OF KANSAS.

Minneapolis Journal: A bill has been in troduced in the Kansas legislature entitled "An act to give statutory force to the Ten Commandments." This in the proamble sets forth the presumed necessity for making the Ten Commandments a part of the state law and then supplements the divine law with penalties, providing a scale of fines, imprisonments and capital punishment for differ-ent offenses, and in all respects presents a scheme which probably could never have b thought of or seriously proposed before the legislature of any other state. Kansas gets the credit for containing more cranks to the square mile than any other state in the union, and is undoubtedly entitled to it.

Kansas City Star: Ex-Senator Ingalls once served that Senator Joe Brown of Georgia, looking over the manuscript copy of one of his speeches, reminded the beholder of Mosta revising the proof sheets of the Pentateuch but a more impressive sight than that is Representative Walters of Labette delivering to the Kansas legislature the tables of the law for improvement and enforcement. The only serious objection to the passage of Mr. Walters' bill is that it may result in repetitions in the statutes, much ground covered having been previously cupled by Kansas legislative enactments. But the correction of redundancy can safely be left to Judge W. C. Webb of Topeka, who has been intrusted with the revision of the Kansas statutes and who distinctly remembers all the circumstances attending th original delivery of the decalogue.

Chicago Post: The following is the sched ule of penalties to be visited upon transgressors only, the father of the bill ex plaining that "women are not ungodly and men are:

For having another God, fine...... \$1.000 1.000

neck until dead.

For adultery, penitentiary for life.

For stealing, fine or imprisonment, in
the discretion of the court.

For bearing false witness, imprisonment,
in the discretion of the court.

For coveting thy neighbor's house, his
wife, his servant, his maid or his ass, fine
and imprisonment, in the discretion of the
court. court.

In any other state than Kansas this bil would be taken as a piece of red-hot irony and would have been sent to some committee to sleep while its author slept off his drunk But in the Kansas legislature it was received seriously and referred to the judiciary com mittee, which promises an early report, with no certainty that it will not become law.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

All quiet on the Potomac. The ethereal mildness of gentle spring con inues to be delightfully picturesque in fic Speaking of social events, the Nevada

"pound party" outclasses whist as a diver-sion of public interest. Up to the hour of going to press, the Kansas legislature had not prohibited a gold clause in matrimonial bonds. Chicago has imposed a tax of \$100 a year

on sellers of cigarettes. and paper will continue business untaxed at The voices of the inauguration stilled the

cuckoo song on the banks of the Potomac but its plaintive notes will echo in Caro lina swamps for a few days. The federal supreme court has affirmed the

enstitutionality of the New York statute forbidding the use of stoves for heating pur pores on steam railroad cars. In urging the cultivation of Boston bakes beans in the vacancies of Chicago, Postmas-

ter Hesing out-Pingrees Pingree in selecting an article that speaks for itself. Ex-Governor Stone of Missouri, the Nemsis of plutocrats, has struck up a speaking acquaintance with the money power as receiver of a broken bank in St. Louis.

Indianapolis proposes to surround itsel with a system of parks at an estimated cos of \$5,000,000, to be distributed over a period of years. The first appropriation is \$350,000 Freak legislation is not confined to the west. A New York statesman has evolved a out the result of any person" with-

out the permission of the owner A bill to regulate department stores has been drafted and introduced by a committee maximum tax on stores handling one class of goods is \$2 per year; for two lines, \$19; three lines, \$25; four lines, \$100; five lines, \$250; from five to twelve lines, \$1,000; from twelve to twenty lines, \$5,000; over twenty lines, \$10,000. As most of the department stores handle over twenty lines, the tax would drive many of them out of the business, or cause them to cut their lines as as to come within the \$5,000 limit,

Era of Adventure and Wild Specula

E. V. Smalley in the March Forum During the eleven years between 1879 and

PASSING OF "BOOM TIMES."

1890 this country ran an almost breathless raco of eager and rapid development. Certainly those were not normal times. were based upon conditions that will never be seen again upon the American continent To long for their restoration is to indulge fascinating but profitless oc of chasing rainbows. For what is there in our present condition or in our future pros-pects to justify the hope that those times will return? Our new west is already fairly have conformed themselves to those of the rest of the country. Except in a few mining districts, it no longer offers a field for ad venture or speculation. Our great transco tinental railway systems are already con-structed; and not one of them can earn interest on the money it cost. Our new towns and cities went rather beyond the capacity of the tributary country to support them under the stimulus of inflated real estate values and with the temporary opportunities they offered for employment of labor. We shall not again have a flood of foreign money pouring in, to loan upon anything or every-thing having the semblance of property. The foreigner has had his experience; and he ow wants to be doubly sure that he is going o get his capital back and his regular interest payments before an American invest-ment has any attraction for him. Is it not on the whole probable that we shall have to make up our minds to plod along in the slow-going way of older nations, and to be satisfied with moderate profits and slow accumulation of wealth? If these b our reasonable expectations, would it not be same and wholesome for people to cease class of visitors you are going the right way dreaming of a golden age which is gone for

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The man who rides a hobby, thinks nobody re is making any headway. The way to get a better position is to ore than fill your present one.

When self-righteousness gets up in night to pray nobody else can sleep. A jury of ravens would not be long in deciding that a linnet could not sing. It takes a higher degree of courage to be

laughed at than it does to be shot at. It takes backbone to take any kind of a Love is dead when the husband begins to grudge the money it takes to support his

A much better thing for the church than ctar preaching is good wholesome personal influence A good many prayers are made, in both public and private, that the devil would like to see answered.

DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "What drove you to make such a foolish marriage?" "Her brother did the driving, but her father held the gun."

Philadelphia North American: "What a suoyant, light-spirited little thing Dolly Yes; I think she must have a cork

New York Town Topies: Siumleigh-I don't see why you care so little for me. Miss Gyer-Have you ever taken a good look at yourself?

Philadelphia Record: Tommy-Mom, I heard pop this mornin' callin' the cook his "little duck." Ma-You did, ch? Well, even if I am a "white ribboner." I'll chase ber tomorrow. Brooklyn Life: Castleton-Fiddleback is "Ah, I heard him say that he was trying

get a large amount of capital inter ested in a reorganization scheme Somerville Journal Mrs. Wilkins-Have ou called on your new neighbors yet?
Mrs. Gilkins—No. I have been waiting
o see their first washing rung our on the

Washington Star: "It is my firm opin ion." said the tall, pointed lady, "that I shall return to this earth in a different "Oh how nice for you!" exclaimed the

Cleveland Plain Dealer: He—Do you taink your father would offer me personal violence if I were to ask him for you? She—No, but I think he will if you don't

lady of average proportions.

A VITAL QUESTION. Chicago Record. The earnest question of the hour, And general theme, no doubt, s not of love or politics, But, "Will the coal hold out?"

THE POOREST OF THE POOR

Written for The Bee. Raiment and riches and rest, And peace and plenty withal; Freedom from work or care Till pleasure itself doth pall; Kensingtons, dinners and balls, Theater parties and teas, Gowns and bonnets and robes,

My lady dwells in a home,
Where all is bright and gay,
Where flowers of rarest hues
Make winter a rosy May.
And yet my lady must starve,—
Starve 'mid the richest store,
And hunger and pine for food
Which can be hers no more.

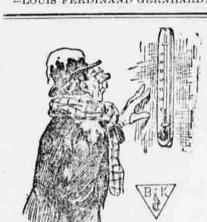
A life of plenteous ease.

Her lord is kind, polite,
And thoughtful of her needs,
Surrounding her with luxury,—
Her every comfort heeds.
But the kiss of tender lips,
The clasp of loving arms,
Are only hers to hunger for,
And all Love's myriad charms.

At eventide her lord At eventide her lord
From cares of business freed,
Comes home to dine with her, and then
Seeks solace in his weed.
A loving word from him
Might make her life more sweet;

ust one caress would bring A happiness complete. But soft caresses tender words. She neither of them knows. And life for her's a desert bare, From which no fountain flows. Her loneliness to her seems more

Than mortal can endure; Starving for love and love's caress, -LOUIS FERDINAND GERNHARDT.



Blow Hot Blow Cold

ONE IS NOT SAFE TO GO WITH-OUT AN OVERCOAT THESE DAYS. HE OUGHT TO HAVE TWO OVER-COATS, IN FACT, AND WHERE LOTHING IS AS INEXPENSIVE AS OURS IS, THERE IS NO VERY GOOD REASON WHY NEARLY EVERY MAN SHOULD DENY HIMSELF THE LUXURY OF A MEDIUM WEIGHT COAT FOR STREET WEAR AND AN ULSTER FOR STORMS

USING THE BEST OF MATERIALS, THERE IS STILL MORE VALUE IN THE WORKMANSHIP, THE SEAMS, THE TAILORING OF A GARMENT OF OUR MAKE THAN APPEARS ON THE SURFACE.

TEN DOLLARS OR FORTY DOLL LARS, WHATEVER YOU PAY HERE, GETS YOU THE BEST THE MAR-KET AFFORDS FOR THE PRICE.

