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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER.

Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bee sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed

There ought to be no trouble in floatconvention.

Have you been counted in the 1900 to get under the wire.

That fall festival for Omaha is a fixture, including both the Ak-Sar-Ben car-

The present cool wave is doubtless due to the big pitcher of ice water which the democrats have mixed up to pass to Candidate Towne.

nival and the musical prelude.

again on a peace footing. A little guer- a religious journal, recently said: "Librilla fighting and more or less "snip- erty is a long ways off yet for a good ing" are still going on, but nothing of a many people in the United States." serious nature.

at Lincoln will be a grand ratification of constitution of their country entitles the ticket nominated at Philadelphia them to, but it is safe to say that the and republicans all over Nebraska will foin in the chorus.

The candidate for governor put in nomination by the democrats of Arkansas goes by the name of Jeff Davis. That sounds strangely familiar and per tinently democratic.

Idaho reports simply a bad hailstorm. citizen. Since the Iowa man told of hail as big as foot balls all competitors in this line have declined to post entrance money and say merely that it hailed.

Chairman Edmisten insists that convention meets in a state whose people insist on being shown.

The architects have made a careful examination of the new porch at the situation. Bryan residence and pronounce it equal to the strain of sustaining all the proposed new planks of the democratic platform.

Ex-Senator Hill may as well put his vice presidential aspirations, if he has any, in cold storage with his ice trust friends, as Colonel Bryan gives it out cold that he will not accept a challenge for a joint debate with him on the same platform.

scene of activity was at the rear end.

incumbent of that office and not half

The discovery that the present system of assessing property for county taxation by precinct assessors is sadly defective is nothing new. A complete revision of our revenue laws has been an next legislature should respond to it without fail.

administration of McKinley.

THE MINISTERS SAFE.

is to be presumed the ministers have we think there can be no reasonable of a figure in the Third district fusion "I am a little inclined to envy a man who left the Chinese capital and there should doubt. The strong feeling of confi- convention. The secretary started out can look forward to a long and steady course more is known there will be much injuriously affect not only our domestic too well to defy it and consequently When I was in the legislature I seen found anxlety regarding them.

Business letters and remittances should be vices, is spreading to the southern and guarded it by law is as necessary didressed: The Bee Publishing Company, provinces, a fact which shows how lit- for its security and for the existence vices, is spreading to the southern and guarded it by law is as necessary from Com Paul to the dowager empress only disregarding politicians, but even disthe popular prejudice against foreign ver and flat paper comes in, in China. But Kruger will not fail to take 26,470 and it is inconceivable that this could subordinate to other questions that of are marks of honor. They indicate that have gone on among a very large body maintaining our industrial and commer. since Mark Hanna's party took charge 70 of the people without the government cial prosperity can desire the success having some knowledge of it. If it of the free silver democracy, was aware of the movement and did 40 not sympathize with it, the government is most culpable for not having forewarned the foreign population of of special street improvement ordinances nouncement that the price of ice will go the impending danger. In any event on the ground that he has no means of up, instead of which we are confronted with it cannot escape responsibility for the 50 results of the disturbance.

A MATTER THEY AVOID.

has had anything to say in condemnation of the disfranchisement of negroes in the south. But many of them are strongly in favor of that policy, which promises to sooner or later become general in that section.

The republican platform has this to say on the subject: "It was the plain the constitution to prevent discrimination on account of race or color in regulating the legislative franchise. Deing a boom in the prohibition national vices of state governments, whether by statutory or constitutional enactment, to avoid the purpose of this amendment are revolutionary and should be concensus? If not you will have to sprint demned." Will the Kansas City convention take any notice of the wrong to discuss that proposition, because the democratic party in the south has profited by the denial of the right of holding that no petition signature is valid The idle audiences at that time are now suffrage to hundreds of thousands of for a homestead unless accompanied by colored voters in that section. They talk glibly about the principles of the No matter what happens, the Chi- Declaration of Independence, but they nese need have no fears as to the per- are not disposed to apply them to the nese need have no rears as to the per-sonal safety of their diplomatic repre-negroes of the south, to whom they this particular decision we do not believe

A colored citizen of Georgia, promi-St. Louis announces that the city is nent among his people as the editor of Hundreds of thousands of colored men in the south are not enjoying the lib-The State Republican league meeting erty and the equal rights which the Kansas City platform will be silent in regard to this, though it is at once repugnant to the Declaration of Independence and in violation of the constitution. The democratic party is extremely solicitous of the rights of Filipino insurgents, but wholly indifferent to those of the loyal colored American

A MISTAKEN VIEW.

have the gold standard fixed in law meanwhile Mayor Moores is to be comthe success of the free silver democ-Towne is the proper man for the demo- the financial and business conditions, crats to nominate at Kansas City. The that industrial and commercial affairs would move on as actively and smoothly as now and that there would be no impairment of prosperity, in our judgment take a most mistaken view of the In his speech as permanent chair-

man of the republican national convention Senator Lodge said: "Business election? Business confidence is a delicate plant. Do you think it would flourish with the democratic party? Do you not know that if Bryan were elected the day after the news was flashed over the country wages would go down, Kentucky democrats are anxious to prices would decline and that the great have the Goebel election law repealed, argosy of American business now forg-The law was intended to render it im- ing ahead over calm waters, with fair sembled a balky mule-its principal the shelter and anchorage of the nearest harbor? Do you not know from recent and bitter experience what that Matthew Gering has recovered his arrest of movement, that fear of the second wind and decided that if he can- future, means? It means the contrac- state committee is writing letters to the goodly increase in the planting of other not have the nomination for congress tion of business, the reduction of em- delegates to the Kansas City convention he would not object to being the fusion ployment, the increase of the unem-

silver democracy. But, say some, the move the democratic combination, gold standard being fixed in law and the senate in control of the republican | The local Bryan organ is writing laudaparty, the democracy could do noth- tory obituaries about the late editor of bas not been exhausted. The richest soil burgent demand for years past and the ing hostile to that standard. Not at the Chicago Chronicle, whose bolt of will not yield a full harvest without rain or once, it is true, but there is no assur- Bryan in 1896 called down on him all irrigation. ance that the senate would remain re-sorts of imprecations from the same publican throughout a democratic adsource. Mr. Russell deserves all the It is pleasing to read in the Omaha ministration, which would certainly ex- culogies that are being pronounced upon only for this year. Minnesota and the Da- four years at less, and for the rich man Bryan organ that "South Omaha pack- ert all its power and influence to him, but would doubtless have appre- ketas must make what shift they can to of Philadelphia those are the vital principles ers say business was never better than change the political character of that clated these utterances more if they had tide over the loss caused by the exceptional in politics. at the present time." This item must body. The senate, therefore, is not been offered during his lifetime, have escaped the eagle eye of the ca- an absolutely certain bulwark against lamity editor who still persists in deny. attack upon the gold standard. It is The Douglas County Democracy has sources. While the loss of 125.000000 or are conscious of no danger to their interests ing that any substantial prosperity has important to consider, however, that issued a special invitation to Boss 150,000,000 bushels of wheat in the great even if Bryan is elected, and are willing to

isters and of arrangements to escort be done by contraction and curtailment Croker, the champion of reform! them out of the city. As the dispatch in all directions. This might take place was dated more than a week ago it gradually, but that it would take place. Secretary Porter did not cut much left the Chinese capital and there should doubt. The strong feeling of connsoon be more information in regard dence and security that now prevails bravely in his campaign, but early recareer is out of the question; and, personally, to their whereabouts. They may have would be weakened and men would ceived an intimation that he had bet- it seems to me that a man's comfort and usegotten safely out of Pekin and yet not look to the future with more or less ter display less pernicious activity. He fulness are greatly impaired the moment he reached a place of security and until distrust and apprehension. This would knew the power of the fusion machine begins to get worrying about how his votes

interests, but also our foreign trade, subsided. Meanwhile the situation appears to Senator Lodge rightly declared that be growing more serious. The disthe supremacy of the party that has turbance, according to the latest ad-saved the standard of sound money tle value there was in the assurances of honest wages and business configiven by the viceroys of their ability dence now as it was in 1896. "The moto preserve order without the aid of ment the republican party passes from foreign troops. It seems evident that power and the party of free sil- in view of the serious condition of affairs ers was not a merely local feeling, con- stable currency and the gold standard due advantage of it in arranging terms of

MAYOR MOORES' VETO.

The veto by Mayor Moores of a series This is the season of the year for the anthe law and that if defective the expense will be shifted from the owners of the Neither Mr. Bryan nor any of his property immediately benefited to the Omaha.

The constant and persistent efforts of sessment ordinances to evade payment strike mania. for street improvements made for the benefit of their property and even upon purpose of the fifteenth amendment to their request have brought to a standstill the collection of assessments levied to redeem the bond obligations incurred for this purpose by the city. Hundreds of man of the democratic national committee, cases brought in the courts to have spelis a piece of shallow demagogism worthy cial tax levies declared invalid have of Tillman or Coxic and apparently not bebeen decided against the city and are pending on appeal awaiting final determination. If these cases are ultimately decided against the city the general body and injustice to which this refers? of the taxpayers will be holding the sack Probably not. As the Cleveland Leader to the extent of the entire amount of unsuggests, the democrats will not dare paid special assessments in the districts affected.

> A recent decision of the district court that of the wife would, it is believed, if affirmed, make it impossible to uphold any of the assessments that have been made under the present law governing street improvements. With reference to it rests upon sound legal principles. The statute reads that no homestead property can be encumbered without the assent of the wife, and the court has considered the signature of the petition for paving as working an encumbrance upon the property, when in point of fact the petition is simply a preliminary step for the purpose of giving the city council jurisdiction to establish an improvement district. If a tax is an encumbrance the property would be encumbered with or without the consent of its owners, providing the necessary signatures were obtained, exclusive of any particular piece of property.

With such large interests at stake the city should endeavor to have these cases advanced and an early decision secured from the supreme court, so that, if adverse, remedial legislation may be pro-Those who think that because we cured at the first opportunity. In the mended for the firm stand he has taken racy would have no serious effect upon for the protection of the city as against the taxshirkers.

Honorable Patrick Henry Barry has discovered another great imperialistic conspiracy. If it were not for the imperialists, who desire to take all the fresh, bright youths of the land from the beet fields, where they are pulling weeds, and place them in the army.

necessary to convert school buildings, places to accommodate the prospective bushels. for Independence day.

This does not exaggerate the danger consummate actor. He will tell the pop-

the election of Bryan, on a free silver his return from Kansas City to permit when times as capital."

platform, would inevitably be regarded western democrats to pay him a tribute. The Chinese minister at Washington by the financial and business interests Why not include the populists and other has received official information from as a warning to prepare for the possi- members of the so-called reform forces Pekin of the safety of the foreign min- bilities of the future and this would in this invitation? All ball to Boss

Two of a Kind. Baltimore American

-from a shrewd old man to a shrewd old woman.

The Boers are rapidly passing from sight settlement with Great Britain.

Significance of the Dollar Mark.

Pittsburg Chronicle, The dollar marks that the democratic cartoonists put on Mark Hanna's clothes dollars are more plentiful in the people's pockets.

> Conl Chasing Ice. Chicago Post

knowing whether the petitions asking the statement that there is to be an increase for them are in strict conformity with in the price of coal. It certainly has every appearance of being a typographical error,

American Ideas Spreading.

Buffalo Express adherents, so far as we have observed, entire body of taxpayers raises a serious the United States occupied the island, but question confronting the people of now they have become common, largely through the influence of a socialist who was released from a Spanish prison. As the certain property owners to take advan- ulated, it is likely that the abundance of tage of technical defects in special as- labor will work out a reaction from the

Tillman and Coxic Outdone.

New York Tribune. Bryan's brief proclamation harping on money, imperialism and trusts just sent out as a campaign document along with a cheap squirt of prophecy from Jones, chairlow the accepted political standards of Bryan.

Corner Sponters Lost to Sight. Indianapolis Journal

About this time four years ago and for month after the Bryan convention, silverite orators of glib tongue and shallow reason always found audiences at the street corners. Now a 16-to-1 orator pure and simple would empty a hall about as quickly as a report that the building was on fire gathering in some of the prosperity.

Suppressing the Colored Vote. Boston Herald.

One short resolution in the republican platform is especially timely. It is this: "It was the plain purpose of the fifteenth amendment of the constitution to prevent discrimination on account of race or color in regulating the elective franchise. Devices of state governments. whether by statutory or constitutional enactment, to avoid the purpose of this amendment, are revolutionary and should be condemned.

That is a fit word spoken in due season It does not threaten in terms, but it implies a threat to put in operation the power of diminishing the representation in congress and the electoral college of those states which artfully and deliberately take away the suffrage from colored citizens because they are colored. The fifteenth amendment will neither be repealed or become a dead letter because white men practice dishonesty to get around it, or because they practice murder, as Senator Tillman brutally admits that they have done, to nullify it. We are glad that the republican convention was outspoken on this point.

Partial Failure Confined to Spots The World's Crop. Philadelphia Times

Lack of rain and a June sun that scorches instead of promoting thrifty growth have very seriously damaged the crop of spring wheat in the three great states of Minnesota and North and South Dakota. The acreage which last year produced 200,000,000 and the year before 225,000,000 bushels of wheat promises this year no more than years ago.

there would be enough repeating rifles for wheat to consumers and a serious treasury as 1 can afford. I believe that I confidence rests largely upon sentiment, to arm the state militia at once. Gen-shrinkage in wheat exports. The winter give as much as any man of my means, be-Do you think that sentiment would be eral Barry should be careful what he wheat crop promises to be below rather than cause I consider republican success essential a hopeful one the day after Bryan's drinks this hot weather, or he will see winter conditions and cold, dry weather in but Senator Pettigrew overestimated my something terrible the first thing he the early spring. There is no source from financial ability. I would give \$400,000 to made good and this being the case, we will did not because I could not." Oklahoma City people are finding it hardly have more than 75,000,000 bushels which can be spared for export. Our averchurches and lodge rooms into sleeping have been in the neighborhood of 200,000,000 age annual exports for the last three years

crowd at the Rough Riders' reunion, in The effect of this prospective shortage which Governor Roosevelt will be the of the year's export, create high prices that you gave \$400,000 to the republican central figure. Oklahoma City did not for wheat and incidentally cause a rise in possible for the republicans to carry the breezes and with swelling canvas, know what a find it was making when it the prices of corn and cats, both of whi h secured the acceptance by Colonel Roose. can be substituted for wheat to a limited velt of the invitation to become its guest extent for food purposes. It is fortunate that our system of collecting crop reports has become so perfect that adverse crop conditions are fully known so early in the Chairman Edmisten of the populist season, thus leaving ample margin for a crops to fill the place in some measure of

nominee for attorney general. He can ployed, lower wages, hard times, dis-democratic nominee for vice president, the spring wheat crop will prove it does Mr. Edmisten is playing his part like a not indicate a permanent decrease in the wheat supply. The richest soil and the most to the material interests of the coun- ulists a little later that he did all he when elimits conditions are always and the when elimits conditions are always and the when elimits conditions are always and the country of the country try involved in the success of the free could for Towne, but was unable to Nile valley was as fertile during the seven familie years of biblical days as it was before or has been since, so far as the soil was concerned. So of the wheat fields of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Their fertility has not been exhausted. The richest soil There has been an unusual drouth in the great spring wheat section

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Variety of Views, Incidents, Refusal and Contradiction.

The manner of man Governor Roosevelt is can be seen by an extract from an article on "The Personal Equation in Politics," contributed by him to a current periodical. Speaking of himself, he says: that for my own happiness, as well as for the sake of doing good work, I had to cast asfde all thoughts of my own future; and as soon as I had made up my mind to this The eyes of the world are now turned and voted simply as I thought right, not regarding people themselves, if I honestly thought them all wrong on a matter of principle, not of mere expediency, then I began thoroughly to enjoy myself and to feel that I was doing good.

> Former President Cleveland fires a shot at the newspaper men in his last magazine contribution. He says: "A larger part of our people, more decently disposed, are technique we can play to beat the band. benevolently willing to put at the service of a public officer all their knowledge of statecraft, and to advise him in any real or imaginary emergency. It is only after their advice is disregarded that they set about the task of demonstrating that the popular choice has been a sad mistake, and that an abundance of excellent material for public place has been overlooked. It is safe to say that after every presidential election the fact is developed that in our newspaper establishments alone there are thousands who have been thus neglected."

The talk of Admiral Schley as a tail to the Bryan kite has not wholly died out. Some thoughtless democrats imagine they can drag the hero of Santiago into the pool of politics, but they are not acquainted with the bluff old sailor. The admiral's unequivocal letter to Colonel A. K. McClure of the Philadelphia Times is supplemented by another, dated Rio de Janeiro, May 20, and addressed to a friend in Washington. In this letter the admiral says: "I thank you for your very kind letters, and I wish I knew enough of politics to understand what these rumors mean, to which you refer in your notes. I am only an old sailor, who has spent fortyodd years trying to learn the dangers of the seas upon which he has passed most of his life, and with the experience gathered in hoping to be useful to his country, has equired wisdom enough to avoid embarking on new waters abounding with shoals that are uncharted and unknown. No! my friend; I have no political aspirations whatever. I don't know even what a presidential see looks like, and I never heard one buzzing in my life, for I sleep too soundly!

"I am too old to embark in unknown enterprises, and I have no competency, no fitness, and no desire to enter a new field, where I could only follow, rather than to remain in one where opportunities someimes occur to lead.

"I am deeply sincere in appreciation of he high honor and complimentary tribute of my friends in even suggesting my name for such high place, but I am too sure of protect me against what they know would be o contrary to all my wishes and to keep me absolutely and entirely out of the political canvass."

floor of the senate, respecting the republican campaign fund of 1896, particularly the contribution of the Cramps of Philadelphia, was the subject of a recent inquiry by Wil-Curtis, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record. Writing from Philadelphia, Curtis says: It is never safe to acept the big stories you often see in the ewspapers about campaign contributions. Not half as much money is spent for political purposes in this country as people generally uppose, for if the reports published in the democratic papers during the last campaign were true every vote that was east for Mc-Kinley cost Mr. Hanna between \$4 and \$5. The expenses of the republican national committee of 1896 were upward of \$1,000,000 and that is an enormous amount of money when you come to think of it. This does not include the disbursements of state, county and local committees, and the individual expenses of candidates, which doubtless aggregated \$1,000,000 more in each political party. Thus the entire amount of money expended in the campaign by all concerned may have reached \$5,000,000, but certainly did not exceed that. Not long ago Mr. Pettigrew asserted on the floor of the senate PROSPECTIVE WHEAT SHORTAGE. that Charles H. Cramp, the head of the great shipbuilding firm, had told him while on a voyage across the Atlantic that he (Cramp) had contributed \$400,000 to the republican campaign fund of 1896. Senator Hanna and Senator Carter, who were members of the committee, pronounced it a ten story lie and declared that Mr. Pettigrew was insane and not responsible for this statenent, but Mr. Cramp has never taken any notice of the incident.

"I wish it were true," he said, when asked him about Pettigrew's assertion. 75,000,000, or one-third of the crop of two wish I were able to give \$400,000 to the re publican campaign committee. I would draw While a shortage of from 125,000 000 to Mr. Hanna a check for that amount before 150,000,000 bushels of spring wheat does not he leaves town, but I am not so fortunate as mean that bread will be scarce in the Un.t.d to be able to draw \$100,000 checks for po-States this year, it does mean hard times litical purposes or any other. I always make for the spring wheat farmers, higher prices as liberal a contribution to the republican which the spring wheat shortage can be the republican committee if I could, but I

"But you have never denied it?" "Neither have I ever denied that I intended to present a new solar system to the western hemisphere, and one story is as probable as the other. Some statements are too absurd to notice."

"Either Mr. Pettigrew or myself is the victim of a delusion.

prrespondent, "I find that the entire con-

tribution of Philadelphia to the republican campaign fund in 1896 was \$400,000, and Mr. Cramp may have said as much in conversation with Mr. Pettigrew. The latter would not tell a willful falsehood, but is always the way, was decided against the fusionists. getting his wires crossed and is habitually reckless in his statements. He sees things at night, and, like many other men who have lost fortunes, cannot talk rationally on any subject relating to money. The Philadelphia fund was raised by a systematic canvass. The city was divided into districts and every manufacturer and business man was asked to aubscribe. I am told that there vere between 2,400 and 2,500 contributors. ranging from \$5 to \$50,000, the latter sum being given by the Pennsylvania raffrond. cannot ascertain the amount subscribed by the Cramps, but a gentleman who is supposed to be well informed tells me that i was \$10,000. There will be greater difficulty and irrigation was impossible. The campge this time in raising money. The protective They are willing to contribute shrinkage of their principal crop and the something every year to maintain the rerest of the world most make good the loss publican organization, just as they pay in of this item of its food supply from other surance premiums and pew rents, but they been brought to the country under the the reversal of popular sentiment in Croker of Tammany hall to stop off on northwest will be severely felt in that lo- take their chances. There is nothing so

THE NEXT NUMBER

The Illustrated Bee Will Contain a Notable Series of

Showing MR. BRYAN AT HOME and ON HIS FARM

Photographs made for The Rec by special appointment with Mr. Bryon by The Ree's staff photographer.

Frontispiece-

PORTRAIT OF MR. BEYAN.

Out July 1-Bay It.

ON TO PEKIN. Chicago Journal: Technically we are not at war with China. When we work up our New York World: The Chinese minister says there is no war in China. The natives

and killing foreigners for fun. Kansas City Star: There is some uncer tainty as to whether China is at war with the United States, but there is no doubt that the soldiers of the two countries are fighting and killing each other.

San Francisco Call: It is a safe predic tion that the nations will find it a good deal easier to get into China than to get out; and, moreover, they are going in harmoniously, but they will hardly come out

that way. Philadelphia Record: What is the use of Philadelphia Record: What is the use of quibbling over so patent a fact as the extence of a state of war between China and the civilized powers, including this governation of the civilized powers, including this governation. the civilized powers, including this government? American troops have been landed on Chinese soil, invaded the country and fought battles with China's armed forces. If that be not war, what is it? The question is not whether the action of the government is justified; nobody doubts that it is our right and duty to succor our imperiled envoy at Pekin and our consular representatives in other parts of the empire, and to employ all the force that may be required to insure their safety.

Minneapolis Journal: There will be in China a detonating collision of the power of arrested civilization against the powers who lead the progress of the civilized world. Before China is brought into the family of civilized nations, there will be a baptism of blood. It is to be regretted, but it is only through such tribulation that any progress has been accomplished in the world. The North American continent was civilized through the baptism of blood. The soil of Europe was drenched with blood before It Philadelphia Times: A great scheme of

spoliation is in progress, of which China is to be the victim, and the existing disturbances have been fomented to give some color of justification for the intervention, which is to be followed by the partition of the Chinese empire. The United States government can take no part in this iniquitous through the soft, warm air came teasing through the honeysuckle vines. their loyalty not to feel that they will ances have been fomented to give some proceeding without a complete abandonment Senator Pettigrew's charge, made on the of the Monroe doctrine on the western con- How we used to hall vacation, when the tinent or an open acknowledgment that its purpose is to hold and dominate all of the western hemisphere and grab all it can When time was but a fancy, and the dato conquer and hold of the eastern. Hands off should be the motto of the American people. Moreover, Mr. McKinley is again reminded that the war-making power is I vested in congress, and not in the presi-

Boston Globe: Though this country has a clear conscience in the matter, it cannot be With denied that for more than half a century China has been subjected to a degree of indignity, insult, extortion, bullying and general abuse such as no Christian power I see my face reflected in the water dark would have tolerated. Treaties have been mposed upon her by force, her finest harbors have been seized, and vast stretches | As we of her littoral have been placed under foreign rule. She has been compelled to transfer a good part of her immense river trade to foreign flags, she has seen her best territory gridironed by foreign-bullt ones have been demanded by foreign powers.

Out of heaven's fleery cloudland, with a laughing, dancing look.

Seemed to bathe their heated foreheads in the bosom of the brook. What wonder if she should finally have become exasperated beyond endurance.

JUDGES RESENT CRITICISM. Theory of Contempt of Court Stretched Beyond All Reason." Chicago Evening Post.

The supreme court of Nebraska, comosed of three judges, two of whom are populists, would naturally be expected to rerain from an exercise of power which all good populists must denounce as arbitrary And an aimless destination in the world of and tyrannical. In the contempt case against the editor of The Omaha Bee, however, the bench trampled under foot, not merely the populist doctrines of judicial authority, but the principles of Anglo-Saxon and American jurisprudence. It stretched the theory of contempt of court beyond all reason and fairness A fine of \$500 was imposed on the paper named for a criticism of a perfectly legitt

mate character, or rather for the moderate statement of an admitted fact. circumstances are these: The republicans control the city government of Omaha, and under a law recently enacted the mayor and council are empowered to appoint fire and police commissioners. The funishists wished o wrest these departments from their political opponents and trumped up a case for the courts. They asked that the new commission be annulled and the old law leclared operative. If they had succeeded the governor would have appointed the commissioners in the greater cities of the state, and the governor is a populist What Editor Rosewater pointed out was that one of the judges was ex-Governo Holcomb, who, when executive of the state, was called upon to deal with a similar ques "In looking up the matter," continues the

ion and acted in a way to show that his mind was made up in favor of the fusionists. That action, Mr. Rosewater thought, diequalified Judge Holcomb from hearing the case. Now, as a matter of fact, Judge Holcomb has since recognized the disqualifica tion. He did not sit in the case, which, by But Mr. Rosewater's comments outraged the judges, and, after a hearing in which the

leditor pleaded that he had said nothing offensive and insulting to the court, the fine of \$500 was Imposed Mr. Rosewater was told that the fine would be remitted if he would make a public apology, but he refused to apologize because he was conscious of no misconduct, no abuse of his freedom as a

citizen and editor. It is perfectly clear that there was no 'contempt' in the wholly proper comments of The Bee. What would the populists' 'heroic breed of statesmen" say if a republican or old-fashioned democratic court fined an editor for contempt in similar circumstances? It makes a difference whore

PEPPERY POINTERS.

ox is goted.

Chicago Tribune: Admiring Visitor-That is a rare and magnificent binding. I never saw a finer. What is the book? Proud Owner-1 think it's a bible.

Harper's Bazar: "The paster of the church has been trying to boss the choir for six weeks, but they have won." "What did they do?" "Got his wife to join."

Boston Transcript: Mr. Kake-Walker-How did your funny act go? Did the audi-once laugh uproariously? Mr. Tuff-Bowie-Well, I wouldn't say so much as that. But I noticed that every-body was smiling when I was going off.

Chicago Post: "They're mentioned as being among the best people of the city." No doubt, no doubt. 'In fact, I've seen them among them myself—at the theater and opera, you know, and other public there are just burning towns to keep warm places

> Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I had a horrible nightmare last night. I thought I was being swept along through a city water pipe at frightful speed?"
> "And then?"
> "And then I woke up and found it was a

Detroit Journal: To put it mathematically, pants are to trousers as dresses are to creations, only vastly less so. Somerville Journal: Employer-I congrat-ulate you on that new baby of yours, Hig-

day on time. Indianapolis Journai: Mrs. Brown-Mrs. Jones, is your husband as crazy about politics this week as mine is?
Mrs. Jones-I think so; why, he went down town last night and forgot to come back and take little Jim to the circus.

Washington Star: "They say you are merely a political boss," said the candid informant. Great Scott!" ejaculated Senator Sorgum. "The irreverence of these moderns something disheartening. Why, that's all

Detroit Journal: "But," cried the Invalid, "the doctors will rob you of your terrors!" Disease raised its hideous front and laughed with horrid unction.
"Ah yes, but am I the only one they are likely to rob?" chuckled this monster, innuatingly.
The Invalid groaned.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Indianapolis Press. was civilized. Africa has been opened by the red hand of war, and Asia has been undergoing the same process for 100 years past.

Philadelphia Times: A great scheme of the past of the past the years of childhood; and those dreamy summers long. those dreamy summers long Were written in my boyish mind-a glad,

unmeasured song. hen the soft, warm air came teasing through the honeysuckle vines.

a banished name, And all the days but Sunday were to boy-ish minds the same.

can see the grassy path that led me up and down the creek then the noonday sun would find me where the shadows lingered thick. With ne'er a care but comfort and ne'er a sain but case.
With strands of uncombed hair that swept my forehead in the breeze.

can hear the little rapids where they and cool; d my fancy hears the splashing of my boyhuod's kindred folk

We knew cau, stille eddy of the water far and near, Ev'ry little glancing ripple where the sun-beams, falling sheer

Oh, the many days I squandered with a clumsy book and line-Up and down the little streamlet where the silver-sides would shine; And I'd watch my hook in silence, till the And my footsteps led me homeward through the paths I used to know.

Oh, for one brief day of childhood! but to be a boy again, Just to feel the free abandon of a summer's day as then, With a heart in time with nature, a mind that knew no care, Answhere.

## **Astigmatism**

Astigmatism is not a disease, but is simply a defect in the shape of the It nucessitates an irregular strain upon the muscles in adjusting for different objects. There is no condition which causes so much discomfort and fatigue, especially head-A peculiar feature about astigmatism is that people who have it seldom know that anything is wrong with their eyes. They lay all their uffering to some other cause. Thes believe that they can see as well as any one, and in a good many cases they can. The overwork is going on just the same.

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