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Notary Public. And "the court" came back. It's

pretty hard to lose Judge Gordon.

Subscribed in

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK,

The Presbyterian seminary's success in securing money for a new building friends.

Real estate men are not the only ones who differ as to value of property. The same condition frequently exists between buyer and seller.

It has been decided that horses and mules are not contraband of war. Any one who is at all familiar with the animal would not hesitate, however, to declare the mule a belligerent.

New York can gain many other pointods. It is not alone in the public schools that experience walks hand in hand with enterprise in this city.

Jim Hill is to build a line of road across Nebraska, saying it is ridiculous. Probup on Nebraska crop reports recently. An admirer of Mrs. Nation asserts

Now is the time to finally decide on what you are going to do to help Omaha this season. The spring activity is almost at hand, and you cannot meditate much longer on what you intend doing.

One thing appears reasonably well established. The coming of the twentieth century didn't bring the millennium with it. For evidence in support of this statement see the telegraph columns of the daily newspapers.

The foreign legations in Pekin are to be fortified and, in addition, surrounded administration of its affairs. with a fence of barbed wire. The flowing raiment of the Chinaman will be a serious handicap in attempts to assault the foreigners in the future

The republican regislature in South Dakota has passed an anti-firecracker bill. The fusionists will be more than ever convinced now that it is the intention to abolish the Fourth of July. for what would a Fourth of July cele bration be without firecrackers?

Promises of the Omaha & Northern railroad promoters are very fair and the public will welcome the day when in the matter does not improve the situathe work of redeeming them is commenced. These men did not ask to have their franchise made "attractive;" Cubans a reasonable excuse for asking they only ask a chance to get across an an official statement from Washington Indian reservation.

ient fund of information.

said that any contest in which blows will probably meet the views of every one except the fight promoters when on the witness stand.

state. Within a week, and during the guilty are the best insurance against the United States. putbreaks of this kind.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

and honor.

To say that the name of Washingpopular government and that to his giving it to them. wisdom more than to any other of the great men who founded the republic we owe the political institutions under which this nation has grown to greatness and power.

man: "The nation and the name of Washington are inseparable. One is Both are glorious, both triumphant."

26,776 policy of that great corporation.

The choice for the presidency of Mr. must certainly be gratifying to its Harris, whose active service with the road began in Nebraska and who is more thoroughly familiar with conditions prevailing in the Nebraska division than any of the higher officers not located here, is the best assurance that the opportunities of this great railway system in this state will not be neglected. Having worked his railroad Harris may be depended on to keep his eye in this direction and to pursue a policy designed to build up and develop the resources of the rich regions referred ers by closely studying Omaha's meth- to in railway parlance as Burlington territory. No one knows better than President Harris that the prosperity of St. Paul papers hoot at the story that tial to the prosperity of the railway demand that it be paid in cash at once, interests at least in everything that ably the St. Paul editors have not read makes for promoting the state's material welfare and expanding its trade and commerce.

Another point not to be overlooked in there is nothing modern about the the choice of Mr. Harris to be the Burhatchet wielder. Any one who has lington's new president is that it is a diseen her picture can readily believe she rect promotion strictly in line with the established practice of the road. Instead of looking to the official roster of some The railroad situation in the west is other corporation or jumping the heads furnishing a veritable fifteen-block puz- of its own higher officers, the place has zle for the outsiders, and possibly some been filled by the man next in line alof those who think they are on the in- most in conformity with civil service side do not really know the correct loca- principles. This could not fail to have a good effect upon the subordinates and employes of any great corporation which can maintain the highest efficiency only by inspiring confidence that merit and loyalty will eventually be recognized and rewarded.

With the change imperative on ac count of President Perkins' health, the selection of President Harris as his successor is not only logical but calculated to give the Burlington an executive fully equipped for the position and conversant with its requirements particularly at a time when huge consolidations of its competitors calls for a broad and public-spirited yet careful

WANT AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION. The latest reports from Cuba indicate that no real progress has been made by the committee of the constitutional convention appointed to draw up a proporepublic. An official letter is expected General Wood having informed the probably get no redress. committee that he represents the executive department at Washington and could not say how congress would act thereby. At all events, it affords the

Unquestionably the representatives of One of the county attorney's corps of the Cuban people who are making the assistants has just received another les- constitution for the republic have the son in the law in court. If they could right to ask for clear and explicit inonly consolidate their several experi- formation regarding the concessions deences, that aggregation of prosecutors sired by the United States, given in would easily be able to equip one high such way as will assure them that if grade criminal lawyer with an excel- such concessions are granted they will be accepted by this government. Congress is the proper authority to do this, The executive department may indicate common sense view of what constitutes what it thinks the future relations bea prize fight. Asked for a definition, he | tween this country and Cuba should be, but in the absence of an expression by were exchanged with the fists became a congress on the subject the Cubaus are prize fight the moment a prize was quite justified in hesitating to submit offered to the winner. This definition propositions and asking for official assurances in the binding force of which

as to the wishes of this government.

they can have full confidence. There seems to be no good reason why this should not be given them. The record of Nebraska of late leaves In appointing a special committee to no room for excusing lynch law in this draw up a proposition defining the future relations between the United first terms of court held after the com- States and Cuba, the constitutional conmission of the crimes, three men ac- vention has shown a disposition to concused of murder have been tried and sider the subject and it should not be convicted. Prompt trials and the con- left in any doubt as to whether any viction of the accused where proven action it may take will be approved by

Congress ought to take some action in

The recurrence of the anniversary of ing in clear terms what this govern- ago, an idea can be formed of the inory of that illustrious man as rever- out any attempt at dictation, would be come into the country. In this inently cherished by the American peo- sufficient, and it would seem that there crease Omaha and the territory imname still honored above all others, a resolution. With that done the its full share. his patriotic example still the most Cuban convention could determine at potent force in our national life, his once, or with very little delay, whether counsel the best guide to national duty it would grant what was asked. The doubt or distrust which now exists would be removed and the way to a satton holds first place in the reverence isfactory understanding probably simof the American people is to voice a plified. General Wood has already inuniversal sentiment, for however much dicated what the executive branch of we may cherish the memory and honor this government desires. An official the deeds of others who won immortal communication from him will hardly fame in the cause of popular govern- better the situation. The Cubans will ment and in the service of their coun- still want to know the position of contry, we have to remember that it was gress. They have a right to ask that the sword of Washington, guided by information and there should be no the loftiest patriotism, that gave us hesitation on the part of congress in

"JUDGE" GORDON AGAIN.

The decision of the supreme court in the Gordon case puts Omaha in an awkward position. Samuel I. Gordon was The illustrious character of George Impeached by the city council and re-Washington is the best heritage of the moved from his office as police judge American people. His pre-eminence as after a full hearing in the district court. a patriot is unquestioned, he will ever He appealed to the supreme court, and hold first place in the affection of his by that body is restored to his office, countrymen, as a figure in history not because he was unjustly or wrongthere is none above him. The influ-fully accused, but because of a technience of Washington, which dominated callty involving the section of the cnarmost of the great men of his time, is ter under which his trial was had. still potential and will continue to be This may be good law, but it is a little as long as the republic lives. As has rough on the people of Omaha, for it been said, by a distinguished states- leaves them at the mercy of an officer monarchy and the establishment of an who has been decided unfaithful.

Judge Gordon announces that he prolinked indissolubly with the other, poses to proceed, when reinstated at the police court, exactly as he did before, holding that he was right then. There THE BURLINGTON'S NEW PRESIDENT, is very little consolation for the law-The retirement of President Perkins abiding people in this respect. Under of the Burlington and the election of his former administration the Omaha in Indiana. It permits any crowd of people former Vice President Harris as his police court was the butt for the crimsuccessor is an event significant linal's jest and a cause for shame to the outside as well as inside of the citizens. Judge Learn has reformed the railway world. As one of the methods in vogue there and has brought archism is apparently making great progprincipal states comprising the field of its operations up to a business basis. the road's operations. Nebraska has a All this is to be overthrown now by the special interest in the management and restoration of the regime that had become both onerous and odorous to the taxpayers. It is certainly an unpleasant prospect.

CHINA YIELDS TO DEMANDS.

matter of the punishment of officials fast being mixed. responsible for the anti-foreign uprising and that obstacle to the peace negotiations having been removed it is apprenticeship in Nebraska, President presumed that they will now proceed, both as to amount and method of payvery difficult of settlement. It has been regular intervals. the people who depend upon the railroad reported that Germany will not only for traffic and transportation is essen- ask a very heavy indemnity, but will tial to the prosperity of the railway demand that it be paid in each at once. Nick Chiles, a negro saloon keeper of sense of the northern people the book accorporation or recognizes the identity of which China is not now able to comply Topeka, Kin., furnishes an illustration of colerated the conflict by recognized th among the powers in regard to indemnity and some of them are not disposed to make it a matter of plundering China, it is easy to understand that if Germany contemplates such exactions as she is said to do there will be differences over this question which will render it very difficult of settlement.

As to the projected military expedition, it is assumed that it will now be abandoned, though it appears that preparations for it have not ceased. If, however, it be true that France and Russia will not participate in any punitive expeditions it is safe to say that the military operations proposed by Waldersee will not take place. Undoubtedly he is ambitious to win some glory in China as the commander-inchief of the allied forces, but he would hardly venture upon an expedition in which he did not have the support of France and Russia, to say nothing of the disapproval of the United States.

The dispatches note the usual sus-Chinese imperial authorities, but there seems to be no good reason to doubt that they will make all possible effort to have the penalties decreed carried out. It would not be surprising, however, if some of the condemned officials escaped, as they have had ample forewarning of what to expect. The justice of the punishments demanded by the powers and their necessity as an sition defining the future relations be- example will hardly be questioned, but ought to be exacted. tween the United States and the Cuban it should not be forgotten that the barbaritles of some of the allies have been from General Wood setting forth what as bad or worse than any committed he considers the relations should be, but by the Boxers and for these China can

Eastern members of congress were tion, if indeed it is not embarrassed government by the report on the irrigation bill. There is a great public inmust not be debated from a sectional east that the now idle acres of the public domain be made useful as it is to the serving his constituents, no matter in what state of the union he lives.

> A proposition to consolidate all the several statistical offices of the state duties. into one and pay the erudite and versatile genius who occupies that one posi tion a clerk's salary is a nice dream of fusion economy, but will probably meet the same fate that has overtaken so many of these chimerical reforms. What is really needed is a little intelli gent legislation to make the existing offices effective. Consolidation along the lines proposed merely means con-

A glance at the packing house statistics will reveal one of the reasons why this section of the west is pros pering. Since November 1 there has been packed at the four principal Missourl river centers 345,000 more hogs than in the corresponding period of the previous year. When there is added to the increased number an increase in price of 52 cents per hundred, as shown by the average of Wednesday's mar-

the matter. A simple resolution, stat- ket, compared with the average one year MORE PRESIDENTS THAN KINGS. Washington's birthday finds the mem- ment regards as just concessions, with- creased amount of money which has ple as at any time in their history, his should be no difficulty in passing such mediately surrounding it has enjoyed

Of Vagne Meaning.

St. Louis Republi Senator Towne's one speech was less expensive than Nebraska's next senator will be. Breaking deadlocks, however, is a cost which falls on the state.

Has No Parallel. Chicago Times-Herald. The joint-smashing record of Mrs. Carrie

Nation up to date represents a carnival of lawlessness that probably has no paralle in any state, not even in the far wester: frontier in the early days of mining de velopment. What It Means.

Philadelphia Press.

Count Waldersee's campaign, if it be gins, will not stop short of Sinan Fu and if a column of troops is pushed thus far any result may follow. It begins to look partition of the northern half of China. Requested to Commit Snielde.

St. Louis Republic. Retrenchment seems to be the order of the day with the Chinese government. Boxers condemned by the envoys have been requested to commit suicide and save money and trouble. Strange to say, some of the Chinese want to compromise on banish-

> Gratuitous Advice. Chicago Tribune

ment.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews "sees in the near future" the downfall of the British American monarchy. It is plainly evident that Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews needs to spend a great deal more than five minutes in reading a newspaper.

Legislative Anarchism.

Senator Barlow of Indianapolis has introduced a bill legalizing "joint smashing" not exceeding twelve to smash any place where liquor is illegally sold, besides gambling houses and policy shops, such places being declared nuisances. Legislative an-

> Need Not Worry. Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

Public opinion in Kansas is rapidly assuming a condition that will make it unnecessary for Mrs. Nation to worry over the outcome of the cases against her. At Winfield. Kan., they are poisoning the water in the wells, as well as smashing churches and The Chinese government has yielded saloons, while most of the people go armed, to the demands of the powers in the The ingredients for a first-class riot are

If Books Were Baked.

Chicago Inter-Ocean Dr. Kuflewski of the Public Library board exhibited to the members at their last meeting specimens of disease germs found and that is one of its greatest glories. So him. And it wasn't two minutes before a though it cannot be confidently said in volumes on the library shelves. He far from being evidence of the book's box of clears had been bet, and Mr. Weywithout further interruption. The dis- asserted that diseases were spread by lipatches state that Germany is likely to brary books and advised, for the protecmake demands regarding indemnity, tion of the public health, that all such volumes be periodically sterilized by the dry process. In other words, he would have ment, that will render this question the books in the public library baked at

Touched the Black Man's Heart.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. parallels. He came down the street and found Mrs. Carrie Nation standing on the jail steps crying vainly for a bondsman. The sight of a woman in distress, albeit she believed him a child of the devil, was more than Chiles could stand, and he promptly became responsible for her appearance in court.

Whipping-Post for Wife-Beaters.

People who take the holy ground that the lash is a relic of barbarism always forget that the wife-beater is a relic of barbarism. It must be humiliating to a community to be compelled to provide for the lashing of cowards who beat women, but it never can be any more humiliating to punish them in such a manner than that their presence should be made known through the blackened eyes and piercing screams of their victims. Time is always wasted when people try to be genteel in dealing with such rufflans.

Local Option the Remedy

Susan B. Anthony's conviction that the ballot, not the hatchet, is the proper remedy for control of the liquor traffic is consistent with that admirable American's career. But Miss Anthony knows well that the ballot would not bring about prohibi picion of duplicity on the part of the tion of the liquor trade. Where the excellent principle of local option is in use the evil of abuse of liquors is minimized to a considerable extent. But nowhere on earth can morality be maintained by statutes. Ballots may first order prohibition and then ballots may demand its enforcement. But still free people will exercise their natural and political liberties to injure themselves or others. Such, unfortunately, is fallen human nature. A strict and impartial observance of reasonable laws of regulation is the best to be hoped for and

> A Man Who Knows Things. London Truth.

The new king is the most experienced man of the world that has ever ascended a throne. He has seen life in every capital; he has met every celebrity of his time; he has for long been in touch with almost every class of the community and given a much needed lesson in he knows the intimate history of his own geography as well as in the science of period as no other man does. He has visited the "thieves' kitchens," houses" and the opium dens of the East End. He has been conducted through the terest at stake in that measure and it chief manufactories of the country; he has occupied the chair at hundreds of standpoint. It is as essential to the meetings; his is the most familiar face at the theater, at the opera and on the racecourse; he has been to every exhibition of importance and almost every work west, and that congressman who aids of art with any serious pretension to merit in bringing about this result will be has been submitted to him for his approval. He is popular; he is an excellent speaker he has tact and humor; his memory is phenomenal, and he has been trained by the late queen to spare neither himself nor any trouble in the exercise of his public

Long Skirt Condemned.

Consumption causes one-fifth of all th deaths in Canada. Physicians attending a tuberculosis congress at Ottawa declare hat women's long skirts are responsible for thousands of deaths ascribed to this disease. The drapertes are scavengers which pick up and cherish tuberculosis germs that develop in households The long skirt is a scavenger wherever i

s worn. Not only the microbe of consumption, but the sputa of all diseases, the filthy muck of the streets, the elusive germs that infest the public halls and hotels, the long skirt appropriates and shelters until ripe to do their deadly busi-

Habitual cleanliness and good sense American women have long since set the seal of condemnation upon the outdoor long skirt, which is growing rarer in the thoroughfares. It ought not to be fordopting the short skirt there were stupid conservatives who stigmatized that wise fashion as lacking in modesty.

How the People of the World Really Govern Themselves. St. Louis Globe-Democrat

seems to be startled at the great number pied the most conspicuous place in the of republics which it finds. over sixty rulers in the world," it says, "and dropped into his chair and snored so loud it is surprising to find that the presidents that he attracted everybody's attention. outnumber the kings. There are twentyfour presidents and only twenty kings. But him in the ribs with his elbow two or three the balance is more than made straight by times, but it did no good. Allen would wake the emperors, czars, sultans, mikados, rajahs, khedives, ameers and other potentates who prefer their special title to that of the king." This is, indeed, a surprising revelation to a monarchist, to whom the designation president is rather unfamilliar. But the great increase in the number of presidents has taken place since the foundation of the United States government, and republicans clap their hands when it was has been caused by it. The executives of several of the old thirteen states were called presidents, but outside of this country the title was not often heard previous to the inauguration of George Washington France has had three republics since that date, including the present government. as if Manchu obstinacy might bring the Central and South America broke away from Spain within a little over a third of a century from the time that Washington took office, and nearly all of it adopted republican governments. From the Rio Grande down to Cape Horn there was a continuous string of republics except in the case of Portugal's old dependency of Brazil. Moreover, the republics are likely to gain at the expense of the monarchies. The only independent monarchy in the western hemisphere was abolished in 1889 by the overthrow of Dom Pedro's empire of Brazil. A reduction in the number of the republics, however, took place in 1900 by the subversion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. Australia stands a chance to early date, for even the slight tie which binds that region to the British empire is years pass. There was a president in Spain a little over a quarter of a century ago and there may be one again at an early day. In any case, the future is on the side of the republics. The presidents are bound to gain on the kings. WAS MRS. STOWE TRUTHFULT

Defense of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Against Mr. Smith's Denunciation.

Indianapolis Journal. Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith renews his attack on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and attempts eatch him. It will be a good joke on him. to give reasons for his declaration that it The statesman from Council Bluffs was was and is a vicious and harmful book. easy. With a smile on his bland face and Even a wise statement is often weakened by a twinkle behind the glasses he walked up giving the reasons for it, but a foolish one is invariably made to appear more foolish. Mr. Smith says the famous book was vicious and harmful because it was poten- who knew how to do it, and how the untial in bringing on the civil war and because, by representing the southern people as brutal and cruel, it fomented sectional much in the trick. Showing apparent earanimosities which it still helps to keep nestness Mr. Weymouth insisted that when alive. It is undoubtedly true that "Uncle done properly it was a sure thing. Tom's Cabin" did contribute in no small the air of one on his native beath Judge degree toward bringing on the civil war, Smith bantered the New Englander to do viciousness that is proof of its virtue and mouth was mixing up the cards, while power. The war had to come because slavery Judge Smith observed him closely. Thirty had to be abolished, and as far as human seconds later the women were laughing intelligence could see there was no other gleefully, the bland smile was on Mr. Weyway. It was inevitable that many years mouth's face, and Judge Smith was looking of irrepressible conflict should culminate reproachfully at Mrs. Connor. The judge in war. It would have come eventually if never said a word, but walked out of the Mrs. Stowe's book never had been written, parlor and across the street to the drug but by prodding the national conscience store, whence he returned with a box of and stirring the almost deadened moral cigars. celerated the conflict by many years. Nobody whose opinion is worth anything now Wabash" is the new name for Senator regrets the war. It was a national bless- Beveridge of Indiana. Senator Tillman ing. Everything that contributed to it was christened him yesteriay afternoon. seemingly directed by providence to that end, and to the extent that Mrs. Stowe's ring between Beveridge and Tillman over book did so it deserves to be classed among their respective knowledge about farming. the great and good books of modern times. There never was any reason why the book

some of the worst features of slavery, and at last. Now I'll proceed to use it. this was what hurt. The author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" did not create the conditions between the senators in a personal sort that she dealt with; she simply exposed them. She did not invent the incidents of her story; they were drawn from life. Tell. ing the truth may often cause trouble and bring on strife or bloodshed, but it is never victous. The victousness was in slavery,

not in drawing a true picture of it. Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith is a professional ecturer, and in attacking "Uncle Tom's from the Wabash alone." Cabin" has succeeded in getting some free advertising. It was a happy thought in likely as not the story of his foolish attack its effect." on a canonized book will outlive anything else he has said or written.

PERSONAL NOTES.

As private secretary to King Edward VII Sir Francis Knollys will have a great deal of hard work to do. His predecessor, Sir Arthur Bigge, employed ten stenographers to whom to dictate letters. Governor Stanley of Kansas first entered

that state in company with John Brown, of whom he is still a warm admirer. He of the slaves.

Patrick Donahue, the venerable editor of the Pilot, the Catholic newspaper of New England, is again seriously ill at his home in Boston. His decline in health and attack of paralysis about six years ago.

Friends of the late William L. Wilson have determined to endow in his name a chair of economics at Washington and Lee university, to which institution Mr. Wilson devoted the later years of his life. The committee having the matter in charge includes Grover Cleveland, John G. Carlisle, Abram S. Hewitt and numerous other nota-

Congressman Wadsworth's hands are battered out of shape nearly as much as were those of the late "Silver" Flint and from the same cause. The New York man was in his day a crack base ball player and at one time held down first base in the Yale nine. He has a son who filled the same position for Yale and was as good a player as his father. J. D. Rockefeller, ir., recently replied to

college acquaintance who wanted to come "If you to New York to make a fortune. can get any sort of work at home, I would advise you to stay there and do it." He added that he did not think the chances New York than elsewhere, and, indeed, often not so good. Joseph A. Marbut, a member of the Mis-

souri legislature, belongs to a family with a membership of 425, all living within five miles of the village of McDowell. The family consists of four generations and there has never been a bachelor or an old maid among them. They are also noted for their longevity. There is a tradition that one Marbut voted the republican ticket at a local election. King Edward VII's Italian descent is

from the Duchess Catterina Sforza of Forli, who, in 1851, played Joan of Arc in defending her castle against Caesar Borgia. Her third husband was a Medici, and by him she had a son, Giovanna, the last and wife of Charles I of England. By this gotten that when American women began union the royal house of England could then claim, in equal degrees, descent from the houses of Plantagenet, Tudor, Stuart, Navarre, Medici and Storza.

ETCHINGS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Gosstp and Some Bits of Personal Some Notes on Individuals. Here is how Senator Allen heard the vote The St. James Gazette of London has for president and vice president announced been counting up the different sorts of in the senate recently, according to the governments which are in the world, and Chicago Record: Senator Allen, who occu-"There are whole assembly, went to sleep as soon as he Senator Turley, who sat next him, jabbed up, look around for an instant in a bewildered sort of way and then his chin would drop back on his breast again. When Nebraska was reached in the count the assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate went down and shook him so that he could hear the announcement from his own state. But he didn't remain awake long enough to hear credited to McKinley. A little later a page woke him up to give him a telegram. He tore the envelope open with clumsy fingers man in politics. "As a citizen," he added, and was asleep before he had read it.

Louis Globe-Democrat tells this story about

Congressman Walter I. Smith of Council freshments, ladies," Congressman Weymore always sent him around with a note of insaid to those at his table in the progressive troduction to me!" euchre party, "I'll try to show you a little trick with the cards. I learned it out west some years ago when I was traveling." Massachusetts representative shuffled the cards rather awkwardly and hesitated once great deal more money than the amount of or twice. "I declare," he said, "I don't his congressional salary. know but I have forgotten how to do the trick. It has been a long time since I tried isn't much, but it comes along powerful The ladies became interested as the regular. manipulation proceeded. Somehow the trick came out each time according to Mr. Weymouth's purpose and the ladies were wrong in the guessing. "I'd give anything to see league, Mr. Moody, in the course of a deadd to the number of the republics at an Judge Smith caught," said Mrs. Judge Con- bate in the house. nor, wife of the successor to former Representative Dolliver. Judge Smith is from gentleman wants to ask," said Mr. Moody likely to be sundered before many more another lowa district. He lives at Coundeceive. Judge Smith is just through with the investigation of hazing at West Point "All right," said Mr. Weymouth to Mrs Connor, "you bring on the judge and I'll "Judge Smith," fool him." Mrs. Connor was saying a few minutes later, "com over to our table. Mr. Weymouth thinks he can do a trick with the cards. We've won two or three boxes of candy from him. He doesn't know much about cards, but he thinks he does. You come over and to the table where Mr. Weymouth was still fumbling with the cards and telling what a good trick it was in the hands of a man wary could be taken in. Judge Smith locked on and remarked that he didn't see

Washington Post: "The Wasp from the

There had been considerable sharp spar-Mr. Tillman had referred to the Indianan as "the wise man who knew everything should have been denounced as fomenting about farming" and Mr. Beveridge had sectional animosities. It did not libel nor retorted that "farmers used pitchforks as misrepresent the southern people as a class. well as plows." "Ah," said Tillman, good-It simply removed the veil and exposed naturedly, "we have got the pitchfork in

There was more chaffing back and forth of way, until Senator Chandler, who had been itching to get into the verbal melee. protested that the senators were not addressing the chair, according to the rules "As my distinguished friend from New

Hampshire," remarked Tillman, laughing. has admonished me in the way I should go, I presume I had better let this wasp "In view of that courteous appellation,"

at once interrupted Senator Beveridge, "I him to hitch his little wagon to a star. As am very glad to see that the sting has had Senator Tillman laughed out loud. "The

trouble was," he exclaimed, "that the wasp did not have any sting. He only buzzed around me, and I had to brush him off." As Mr. Tillman uttered the words he waved his hand back and forth behind his ear, as if brushing away a troublesome insect. The action was so natural and so spontaneous that the senators were still aughing when, five minutes later, Beveridge went over to Tillman and shook hands.

Foster of Washington is the most goodwas, he says, one of the first to whom natured man in the senate. He is too new a senator to take a very prominent part in the proceedings and so he sits back in his Takes the vacant chair beside me, Brown told his plan for the emancipation a senator to take a very prominent part in chair and gladly welcomes any man who comes along with a good story. and then he laughs. It is such a frank, honest, infectious laugh! His fat sides strength has been gradual. He suffered an shake and his face expands and his bright blue eyes twinkle as if the whole enjoyment of the world was concentrated into a few minutes.

Senator Foster laugh. He can drive away all the blue devils and dispense the sunlight of good humor into the cloudlest cor
Senator Foster laugh. He can drive away All my fears are laid aside.

All my fears are laid aside.

If I but remember only, Such as these have lived and died!

Justice Harlan of the supreme court rode to the capitol recently in a street car. He is the most democratic of all the judges. He will talk to anybody who will laugh at a joke-especially if the joke be upon himself.

One of the best jokes upon the judge was the remark of a local lawyer at the Loyal Legion banquet a few nights ago after Mr. Harlan had made a speech. "We have listened to the eloquent justice," said the lawyer, "and now that he has finished we cannot tell whether his speech is an obiter dictum or an obiter drinkum." The guests around the banquet room

laughed heartily, but none Justice Harlan, who told the lawyer that for poor young men were any better in is he wasn't careful he would be summoned for contempt.

Judge George W. Ray, representative from the Twenty-sixth New York district. is a pretty old officeholder, but he has among his constituents a man who can claim justly to be the oldest federal post master in the United States. Judge Ray was first elected to the Forty-eighth congress and has served with several inter missions until the present session. He has had many postmasters appointed, and many that he put in their positions have died, a good proportion of them doubtless from old age. Roswell Beardsley, however, who who lives in North Lansing, Tompkins county, was appointed long before Judge Ray ever thought of being a representagreatest of the Renaissance Condottieri, tive, and has held on to his position through His granddaughter became the queen of thick and thin, regardless of change in ad-Henry IV of France and her daughter the ministration, while the others about him have come and gone.

Heardsley was appointed to his position in June, 1828, and has filled it satisfactorily ever since. He is an old man now, nearly \$4 years of age, and consequently feeble. home is in Bowling Green, Mo.

The active work of the postoffice, which is quite a large one, is done by his sons and daughters, and his grandsons and granddaughters. His claim to being in point of service the oldest postmaster hving has never been denied. His seventy-three years as a federal employe would certainly be hard to beat, or even equal.

Judge Ray has another long-term postmaster in his district, James Marshall, in Cabin Hill, Delaware county. Marshall was appointed November 5, 1851 Of all the glorious introductions which preceded a public speaker, the funniest was the one which Mark Twain perpetrated upon a New York audience when he intro-

duced Senator Hawley. Mr. Clemens was

asked to make the introduction, because he was a neighbor of General Hawley, and ha eagerly accepted the invitation. In the very first sentence he alluded to Senator Hawley as a member of "my church" and the author of "Beautiful Snow." Then he said that Hawley was lonesome because he was the only honest "I respect him; as a personal friend have the warmest regard for him; as a The Washington correspondent of the St. neighbor whose vegetable garden adjoins mine I watch him. So broad, so bountiful is his character that he never turned away Bluffs: "While we are waiting for the re- a tramp empty-handed from the door, but

> Somebody once asked John Allen of The Mississippi why he continued in congress when he could practice law and make a "Well," drawled Allen, "I admit \$5,000

> > "Can I ask you a question?" asked Representative Henry C. Smith of his col-

"I am coming to just what I know the "You must be a mind reader," remarked cil Bluffs, and from his close proximity to Mr. Smith, and, sure enough, Mr. Moody Omaha is well up on all of the devices to proceeded to answer the unuttered question which Mr. Smith intended to ask.

PUNNY SAYINGS.

Indianapolis Press: Tommy-Say, paw, what is the difference between an amateur poet and a professional?

Mr. Figs-The amateur poet, my boy, is the one that keeps the professional starv-

Chicago Record: "The old-fashioned maple sugar camps are all gone."

"Yes: it takes a glucose factory to make our old-fashioned maple sugar nowadays." Puck: Uncle Geehaw (from Hay Corners, at grand opera) - What's that man got over there?

City Nephew-Why, that is the score.
Uncle. Geehaw (brightening up:-The "score?" Well, by gum! I wish you'd ask him who's ahead! Detroit Free Press: "My volume of poems is filled with typographical errors!" cried the poet.
"Yes," replied the disgusted publisher, "Even the proofreader seems to have balked at reading it through."

Indianapolis Press: The Boss-Mr. Bjon-son, if you can't keep up with your work better we shall have to look for another man.

Hjonson-I'm glad to hear that. I've been thinking all along that I was doing enough

Philadelphia Times: "How is it players of both sexes when they get divorced are so apt to marry again?" "Maybe it's an outgrowth of their professional liking for encores."

Somerville Journal: About the worst case of scare on record is thought to be that of the Somerville man who had a grapevine in his backyard rooted up because he was so afraid of appendicitis.

Baltimore News: Jenks-I was thinking of running up to your house tonight after dinner.

Henseck-You'd better not, for you won't get any. It's the girl's day out, and my wife has a meeting on hand at the House-kenner's claim.

keepera' club Somerville Journal: Rev. Mr. Fourthly—I have been advised to consult the ward leader with regard to some legislation that I desire to have enacted. Can you tell me where I shall be likely to find him?

Experienced Politician—Well. I don't know. Have you been down to McCafforty's saloon?

Baltimore News: Hopley-What seems to trouble your baby?
Popley (wearily)—I suppose it troubles him to think that eventually he'll have to

go to sleep at night

FOOTSTEPS OF ANGELS. Henry W. Longfellow. When the hours of Day are numbered, And the voices of the Night Wake the better soul that slumbered

Ere the evening lamps are lighted. And, like phantoms, grim and tall, Shadows from the fitful firelight Then the forms of the departed Enter at the open door; The beloved, the true-hearted, Come to visit me once more.

To a holy, calm delight;

He, the young and strong, who cherished' Noble longings for the strife. By the roadside fell and perished, Weary with the march of life.

They, the holy ones and weakly. Who the cross of suffering bore Folded their pale hands so meekly Spake with us on earth no more! And with them the Being Beauteous, Who unto my youth was given, More than all things else to love me And is now a saint in heaven.

Lays her gentle hand in mine

And she sits and gazes at me With those deep and tender eyes. Like the stars, so still and saintlike, Looking downward from the skies. Uttered not, yet comprehended, Is the spirit's volceless prayer, Soft rebukes, in blessings ended, Breathing from her lips of air.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. E. P. Green has recovered from an attack of the grip at Canaseraga, N. Y., by the use of Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

Nervine and Pills. W. E. Nihelis of St. Louis, Mo., who was down with grip, is reported much improved. He used Dr. Miles' Nervine and Pills.

Among the victims of the grip epidemia

now so prevalent, F. Coyle is now recover-

ing at Canton, O., by the use of Dr. Miles'

The friends of Mrs. L. Denison will be pleased to learn of her recovery from grip at her home in Bay City, Mich., through the use of Dr. Miles' Nervine and Pills.

Everybody says that J. W. Udy is looking splendid since his recovery from the grip it his home in Des Moines, Ia. They all know that Dr. Miles' Nervine was what cured him.

Prosecuting Attorney Charles L. De Waele, who has passed the three-score nilestone, had a time with the grip, but when seen at his home in Roscommon, Mich., the other day he said Dr. Miles Nervine was what cured him. At nearly three score and ten Mrs. Galen

Miles' Nervine and now her neighbors in Wareham, Mass., remark on how well she

Humphrey was fighting against odds when

the grip attacked her, but she took Dr.

After an illness of five weeks from the grip Mrs. Harriet Jackson is again about and looking fine. She began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine after the fourth week. Her