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M. B. HUNGATE,

Don't kick about the hot weather in Nebraska-it is making the corn, and, besides, it is not nearly so hot as in many other places in this country.

Judging from the \$2,500 bunco story that comes from Hastings, the adage holds good in this twentieth century.

Kansas Methodists evidently believe in | year. letting every tub stand on its own bottom. They have refused to reinstate the discharged professor at the Wesleyan university.

If you want to know anything about railroad schemes don't ask the president or the general manager. They know absolutely nothing about their own roads or their own plans.

Tom L. Johnson says he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Ohio. He is mayor of terests. It is obviously important that Cleveland and does not propose to lose the section of meat he now has to grab this irritation. for a shadow.

The report of the commissioners to the Paris exposition has been printed. It may be dry reading, but it must not be inferred from this that the commissioners did not enjoy themselves in the French capital.

Now that McKinley has put a quietus in accord with the eternal fitness of things for the Nebraska democrats to propose a third time for Bryan. We feel sure republicans will register no

not allow himself to be nominated or

It may amuse our popocratic local contemporary to prod away at General Fred Grant, but it seems to forget that the garrulous young man, as it is pleased to call him, graduated from West Point thirty years ago and is now 51 years old and the grandfather of a Russian

Speculator Phillips addressed the grain growers' convention on the subject of corners. If any one in the country understands the subject it is Phillips. but in his address he neglected to touch upon the most important featurehow to build a corner that will withstand assaults.

Now that the murder and war stories which have been coming down from the Indian reservation in Wyoming have served their purpose and worn themselves out for the present, the owners can ship them to some other section until the public in this vicinity is willing

to take stock in them again.

York anarchists are going to have wooden targets will not only afford speeches, but will be much safer than taking a shot at a genuine king.

city of Philadelphia a minimum guaranty of \$2,500,000 for underground, surasking without reference to any return

disturbers in the minor islands and then eral negro disfranchisement. fortune in spite of themselves.

governments on this score and that whatever irritation exists, it is confidently believed, will be allayed, probably altogether removed, by the ratification of the reciprocity treaties, to which ship of the country is committed. "Commercial jealousies sometimes drive Ledger, "which tends to a war of force. Commerce is, nevertheless, a bond of peace. Before entering upon courses that point to war the great commercial maintenance must be added the incomputable loss of trade. A European United States is chimerical, Many hopelessly discordant elements must be reconciled before such an unwieldy com-

bination can be made effective."

The United States wants no commer-

cial war with any country. The policy of this country has always been and friendly trade relations with all nations. It is in pursuance of this policy that we have tolerated, not indeed without complaint and remonstrance. unwarranted and unjust discrimination by other countries against American products. There has never been a time in our history when there was greater necessity than now for maintaining and strengthening friendly trade relations kets. If we do not secure the markets abroad for our surplus we must reduce mutual exchange in trade, is believed pality. to be the most practicable means of attaining the desired end. It does not involve an abandonment of the protective principle. It contemplates merely a modification of it within defined limitations. It is as true now as it was about a sucker born every minute still are twin measures of republican policy anteed by the letter and spirit of our state's anti-trust laws. The biggest trust increased custom that would result. The the republican national platform of that

against the United States is admittedly dividuals. impracticable. There are insurmountable difficulties in the way of such a ucts. Perhaps there is no great danger American competition is causing much irritation abroad, which threatens con- ties against its repetition, we take measures to remove or allay railroad purchase, consolidation and

THE WORST OF FILIPINOS.

Cailles, the most desperate and trouble- done. The three great systems back some of the Filipino leaders, had refused of the deals are the Northern Pacific, cause in such a rush for combination anyto surrender unless assured of complete Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific, amnesty. It is now reported that he while the roads absorbed are such strong is liable to be overlooked. has concluded to surrender. If such is financial institutions as the Burlington, the fact the most ferocious, barbarous Milwaukee, Pennsylvania and other conon the third-term spook, it is eminently and brutal of the Filipino leaders will stant dividend payers. If the absorpbe out of the way, with decided ad- tion of these strong lines would enable vantage to the work of pacification. those which have a heavier burden to Cailles is not credited with remarkable carry to tide over times of stress which skill as a leader. He has given a great deal of trouble, but without showing blessing to the financial world, but a any marked soldierly qualities. It is Ex-Senator Allen has served notice needless to say that he has never shown upon whom it may concern that he will any regard for the rules of civilized warfare, but has acquired much notoelected judge of the supreme court in riety for his brutality, which has been Nebraska in the year 1901. The senator of a nature to exclude him from the knows an off year for fusionists when terms of the amnesty offered by the government.

tainly does not deserve any consideration, but it is possible that the American this be true, on which side of the would be better to make concessions to American soldiers in hunting him down. At all events it is to be hoped the latest report regarding him is true.

A PROBABLY FUTILE APPEAL.

The appeal made by the negroes of Alabama to the constitutional convention, asking for as great a measure of indulgence as possible with regard to ington that Mrs. McKinley is practically the restriction of the suffrage, will prob- out of danger and no more bulletins will ably be futile. They do not invoke their rights under the federal constitution, expected relapse occurs. The public, knowing that it would be useless to do which has watched with sympathetic so, but simply ask for some indulgence on the ground that a practical legaliza- made and the fortitude with which she tion of fraud, or of an unconstitutional has suffered, will rejoice at the favordiscrimination between blacks and whites, would result in the demoraliza- hopeless case. Her sickness has served tion of both races.

frage so far presented to the convention bitterness the American heart is warm a picnic, at which they will amuse indicate that little or no attention will and the political thunder as unreal as themselves shooting at wooden images be paid to the appeal of the negroes. of kings, czars and emperors. The There is a considerable conservative element in the convention which may be every incentive for making bloodthirsty disposed to give some consideration to have for years enjoyed the benefits of the request of the colored citizens, but thousands of acres of land free of charge the majority of the members are un- are finding the prospect of profit in doubtedly determined to bar out the the industry threatens to rob them of brought President McKinley nearer to the present time and all that will be spent John Wanamaker has just offered the great mass of the negro vote without their snap and as a result are forced to hearts of his countrymen than ever before. according to recent estimates, to the end bearing too heavily upon the illiterate buy of the railroads or secure title from white vote. A correspondent of the the government. In addition to making face and elevated franchises which New York Times says that most of the their own position more secure they are mutual understanding such as has existed the city council has tried to give away. delegates would be very glad to see a helping out in another direction when in the case of no former president save terest added being \$766,585,000. This doe And yet there are people who contend way to temporarily disfranchise the en- they take government land and thus that these franchises have no value, but tire colored population, but he thinks make it taxable. ought to be had by speculators for the that no recast of the franchise provisions of the state constitution will be to the taxpayers from whom they come. likely to receive favorable popular consideration which does not secure the bal-The only insurgent leader of impor- lot to at least 40,000 and perhaps 50,000 allow a big corporation to be taxed on tauce in Luzon who has not already negroes, and leave a way open by which a 2 per cent valuation of its property surrendered has concluded there is no a majority of those temporarily disquali- while the owner of a small home must use of fighting longer and proposes to fied can attain the suffrage by industry, quit. With the trouble ended in Luzon thrift and a respect for the laws. Hence danger of any institution moving away anti-third term tradition, and it should

the development of the islands can go It is to little purpose for the colored tax burdens. forward. A few years of American citizens of any of the southern states push will suffice to convince the island- where the majority of whites are faers that they have fallen into good vorable to disfranchisement to ask for fair consideration. They will get this, be buying more planes and other musical public and republican reasons.

TO ALLAY COMMERCIAL FRICTION. If at all, only through the fear of south- instruments than ever before. A calamity Referring to the fact that commercial ern democrats, like Representative Livcompetition is creating some friction be- ingston of Georgia, that disfranchisetween the United States and Europeau ment may sooner or later result in recountries, the Philadelphia Ledger reducing the representation of the south marks that there is little danger of a in congress and in the electoral college. rupture in the friendly relations of the At present few of them seem to be influenced by such an apprehension.

PENNSYLVANIA'S DILEMMA

The different cities of Pennsylvania are going through an experience which the president and the best statesman- forefbly illustrates the extremitles to which the doctrine of legislative interference can be carried. The Pennsyl- cured for the administration party in the of the so-called "Ripper" bills, declared, in sum and substance, that there are no limitations whatever enforceable in nations count the cost in these days. that state to restrict the legislature. To the burden of army and navy either in changing the system of local government or in depriving the people of the various communities of all parcommercial combination against the dicipation in their own local government.

The "Ripper" bills practically wiped out of existence the municipal governments of certain Pennsylvania cities, substituting in their place officers deriving their authority from appointment by the governor, elected by the people of the entire state. More recent legislation should continue to be to cultivate endeavors to override the will of the people by providing a method for the private appropriation of valuable municipal franchise rights through initiation through the state offices.

The logical sequence of the rule enunciated in Pennsylvania is that the legislature may not only take from the people of any city their right to muproperty away from them, so far as it is sion of the large cities and produced strong reasons for this state of affairs, the agent with the rest of the world. Our pro- held by the municipality, and donate it arguments to show that it would be to the ductive capacity, far in excess of the to private individuals or corporations advantage of the order. Whatever the merhome demand, calls for enlarged marthat enjoy legislative favor. They its of the contention the result shows that could give away not only the franchise for the use of the streets, but also pub- mendable in the highest degree. production. In order to secure them, in lie parks and public buildings, water the judgment of some of the wisest rights and all other property belonging economists and statesmen, concessions to or acquired by the taxpayers in their Vast in Capitalization and Far-Reachmay be necessary. Reciprocity, a fair capacity as members of the munici-

The very dangers with which such a proposition is fraught show the wisdom of the other principle which has been confirmed for Nebraska-that municipalities have rights which legislatures cannot legally invade; that their in 1896 that "protection and reciprocity right to municipal home rule is guar- have been formed in Texas in spite of the paratively high salary for the sake of the and go hand in hand," as declared in constitution, and that municipal prop. of the lot; of course, is the steel corporaerty rights are protected from being A European commercial combination the same as the property rights of in-

The principle of municipal home rule, as established in this state, if not combination. But European countries adopted by the courts of other states, tal of \$12,500,000. This was soon followed may proceed separately to make tariffs will certainly be engrafted upon their by the combination effected here of acci- to form a new colonial empire as to estabconstitutions by force of circumstances | dent insurance capital under the name of | lish a basis for an advantageous trade with when the abuse of legislative interferof this being generally done, but we ence goes so far, as it now threatens in should not lose sight of the fact that Pennsylvania, to arouse a popular revolt that will demand constitutional guaran-

One feature of the present era of It was announced a few days ago that in whose interest the buying has been may come in the future it would be a but an added burden.

Attorneys Ransom and Gurley are quoted by the World-Herald, which has always been their organ, as saying that the action taken by Mayor Moores and Whether or not Cailles has been prom- the council with regard to the promoised amnesty does not appear. He cer- tion of Charles A. Salter to the position of fire chief was simply political. If military authorities decided that it political fence is Mr. Gurley perched? If this action of the mayor and council secure his surrender than to lose more is really to take the fire department into politics, who is to blame? Didn't Ransom and Gurley know when they asked the court to transfer the control of the firemen from police board to council that the council was much more in politics than the police board?

The announcement is made in Wash be issued by the doctors unless an uninterest the heroic fight the patient has able turn of what appeared an almost to demonstrate anew that under the The propositions regarding the suf- surface of partisan denunciation and

Stockmen in the range country who

Why can't the county board equalize a crown and a scepter could confer assessment made with notorious partiality and favoritism? Why should it continue to shirk its due share of the

Coming Our Way.

wail has not been heard from that section in a long time.

Philadelphia Ledger. The squabbling powers may yet provoke Uncle Sam into saying that, if he must form a foreign alliance it will be with Asia rather than Europe.

Cuba on the Right Tack.

The highest hope arising from the situation is that the conditions now defined will work harmoniously and progressively paper writing from Odessa quotes a Rusfor the upbuilding of Cuba and that a practically unanimous support may soon be senations to a commercial war," says the vania supreme court, in a decision re- island and for the attitude of the United cently rendered upholding the validity States as benefactor and protector. That is the expectation of the great majority of the people in this country and it should be the aim of the Cubans themselves.

Are Civilians No Good!

Army and Navy Journal. The problem of governing colonies is serious mal-administration and great corruption, in making the Philippines the prey cipline which makes army government llar work can be accomplished in the Philippines, but we do not believe that it will be accomplished under civilian direction.

Insurance Risks in Large Cities.

Minneapolis Time: The Modern Woodmen of America have politely invited the big cities to stay out. After a sharp fight the head camp ontinued the han on cities of more than 200,000 inhibitants. Some of the reasons given are the higher death rate in the great centers of population and the greater ease with which insurance frauds may be engineered to a successful conclusion. Several nicipal home rule, but also take their members elequently advocated the admisthe society is exceedingly careful as to the character of its rieks and that is com-

THIS YEAR'S TRUSTS. ing Control.

Trusts have been forming so fast in this papers cannot keep track of them. The in British service. Besides, foreign travelcombinations effected in the five months of ing agents, especially Germans, are conthis year are greater in the amount of capi- tent with less remuneration than their tal involved and in the far-reaching control of management than were ever made it is suggested that it would be well worth in any other five months. Many trusts the while of British firms to allow a comtion, with its \$1,100,000,000 of capital. An quires immediate attention unless British stead of Cleveland. estimate of the stock of the other big com- firms desire to abandon South America as taken without due compensation, just binations or trusts brings the grand total a market for English products. to the \$2,000,000,000 mark, with the probability that it is much more.

the Continental Casualty company, which represented about \$50,000,000 of accident insurance stock, and so the list runs through all kinds of enterprises, such as fruit, paper makers, tincan interests, carpet combinations, dry goods and machinery undefined domain about the strength and aggressive power. While we speak of Spain as a state that has been stripped of all its colonies, it yet has been stripped of all its colonies, it yet has of enterprises, such as fruit, paper makers, tincan interests, carpet combinations, dry goods and machinery undefined domain about the strong training traini truits, shipbuilding combinations, locomotives and salmon fisheries—nothing seems lation of nearly half a million. There was and paid at the latest one month before latest one month before Fur frizzes become her, you kno to be omitted. New combinations that are a time when it had reason to hope that the election. to form the American Music Pubthe hitherto strong lines financially lishing association, with a capital of \$4,- fall to its lot, but French activity in Alwhich are doing the buying, or rather 000,000, and the combination of several of giers has rendered such a prospect nugagrows faster than it can be chronicled, be- miles of African territory, the vestiges of thing that is not measured by large figures

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S LETTER.

Atlanta Constitution (dem.): President McKinley honors himself in so promptly setting at rest the third term talk, which had threatened to develop into a sort of midsummer madness.

Buffalo Express (rep.): After such a declaration anyone who talks third term suspicion is abroad that in acquiring will have to assume that William McKinthem the price paid is likely to prove his determination and no friend of the president can proceed on that assumption.

Grosvenor to the contrary notwithstanding, topple over concerns which do business on the example of General Washington is still potent. And the recognition of it by the president makes clear not only his sound sense and high patriotism, but his sym- trade after the Chino-Japanese war with pathy with the principle that lies at the the intrepidity with which the Japanese basis of the opposition to the third term troops charge a Chinese trench, a day of and his understanding of the popular

ample ground for high satisfaction among exports, especially to China. Only, the imtrue patriots of every party name, ever, is the unmistakable refusal of Wil- the people earned more they consumed liam McKinley to be "counted in" among more, growing fonder of foreign goods. So the ignoble crowd who would sacrifice a protest is raised in the press against in patriotism, love of the republic and every- dividual extravagance on the part of all thing else on the smirched altars of sup- classes. posed party expediency.

Philadelphia Press (rep.): President Mccere, serving his country and seeking its history it has fallen below that of Scotprosperity through principle. He has made land. It has just been returned at 4,456, must, both the inspiration and the limita- of 248,264. On the other hand, the popul the American people and the American 025,647, has increased to 4,471,957. The people know him-an honest man, doing his best in their sight and service.

Washington Post (ind.): One is bound Kinley's utterance. It is manly, unmistakable, sincere. That he means every word of it is evident to the dulles under- a state of things which impels the Irish standing. To question this would be to offer him a gratuitous affront. But no one homes elsewhere, and they suggest, if questions it-no one questions Mr. Mc-Kinley's honorable patriotism, his devoted be something radically wrong in a condition have spoken at all in order to convince the American people on any of these points, for they love and trust bim without measure or misgiving.

New York Sun (rep.): During the few weeks past, events and apprehensicas have braces all that has been spent up to the The latest revelation of his notility of of the fiscal year in 1902. The war in China character is a thing to be glad of. It puts from 1900 to 1902 is estimated to cost \$28, him in a relation of sympathy and perfect Washington and Lincoln. It will give him a place in the affections of his fellow wars begun and ended while fighting was Americans worth more than a life lease of the White House; of higher dignity than namely, the formidable war in Ashanti and

Brooklyn Eagle (ind.): It is in all respects a notable statement, espe lally as \$9,000,000. From which it appears that the it leaves the way open for all statesmen in burden imposed on British taxpayers by sympathy with the party in power to seek actual fighting in three years is over \$775, the nomination in 1904. It likewise divorces the expansion movement from the thing, but it comes high at this price. pay on 16 to 20 per cent? There is no charge of holding in it an assault on the it will be a short job to finish up the the convention may not approve gen- from Omaha because it is not allowed to strengthen the president's apparent purpose to accomplish through reciprocity that re publican occupation of democratic los tariff ground which is the next forward movement republicanism needs () make It should strengthen that purpose, for it relieves the president from the suspicion The farmers of the west are reported to of entertaining it, except for the largest

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

There are so many contradictory stories affoat about the condition of Russia's trans-Siberian railroad that it is difficult even o guess at the exact truth, but there is an accumulating mass of testimony to the effect that there has been more or less shameless robbery all along the line by contractors and government inspectors. There is nothing surprising, of course, in all this, as peculation is regarded as an almost inevitable evil to all Russian public and striving to keep the government from works. A correspondent of a London newssian officer lately returned from the far east. The latter declares that the government inspectors could not possibly have and he breathed out his distress from so the purposes for which they were intended. Towne was one of the head yearners for the So open, indeed, was the "scamping" of salvation of the masses through the medium the work that in many places in the raised parts of the line, where the specifications expressly provided that the embankments policy. should be sixteen feet wide at the top, the width is only eleven feet, which is new one for us. There are possibilities of gether insufficient for ordinary working conditions. Already there have been frequent instances where embankments have of ambitious officescekers who are not sub- been washed away by very moderate downjected to the rigorous administrative dis- pours of rain, while innumerable accidents due to bad construction, of which no offieffective. See what has been accomplished cial report has been made, have occurred under army administration in Cuba. A sim- at various points. It is believed that large sections of the line will have to be entirely rebuilt. The government is threatening searching investigation and it is reported that more than one engineer of high standing has thought it wise to travel, without leaving any permanent address behind him.

The last report of the British representa tive in the province of Para, in the deltaof the Amazon, is being commented on by London papers as offering conclusive evidence that commercial fields in South America, which were formerly almost exclusively in the possession of British commerce, are now rapidly giving way before foreign competition. Prominent among the says, is the want of competent traveling agents of British race and language, who are also able to use the language of the voter in good humor for the fall camcountry where they are employed. It ap- paign. pears that British firms, being unable to find traveling agents from their own country, have taken to employing foreigners in this capacity, and it is pointed out in the report that this is particularly regrettable, inasmuch as such men, however loyal to their British employers, can hardly help imparting to their own country, or councountry in the last few months that news- tries, the information thus obtained while British colleagues in the same service, and matter, concludes the British official, re-

It is probable that Spain's minor activity The list includes almost every form of in Africa, to which the dispatch of a comindustry, beginning with the consolidation mission to the Mouni river district, adjoining the Congo Free State, bears witpet combinations, dry goods and machinery undefined domain about the size of the en- and county tax within two years, assessed There's one thing I'll say fur my sister, Morocco itself, which, geographically, is the age of discovery which produced Columbus, Magellan and Da Gama, England, France and Germany covet these possessions, and because of them, as much as for any other reason, they are courting th favor of the two states.

The financial stringency in Japan is the reaction of overcapitalization and overproduction as surely as panics elsewhere are In Osaka several banks have closed their doors; and Kyoto, the other great manufacturing center, is also hard hit. To Osaka, especially, the loss of trade in China as a consequence of the Boxer troubles was heavy. The result will be to clean out the doubtful concerns and place credit on a Indianapolis News (ind.): Congressman healthier basis. It does not take much to borrowed capital at 15 per cent interest; and, of course, the unstable banks fell with When the Japanese plunged into reckoning was bound to come. Subtract the failures and you still have the net re-Boston Globe (dem.): What does afford sult of an amazing increase of Japanese how- ports have quite kept pace with them. As

The result of the recent census of Ire Kinley's frank, manly and emphatic utter- land is significant. It shows that the population ance again reminds the country of the man lation of that long distracted country con in the White House as he is, simple, sin- tinues to decrease. For the first time in mistakes. He has shown, as all Americans 540, a decrease within the last ten years tion of popular institutions. But he knows lation of Scotland, which in 1891 was 4, situation thus disclosed is still more in pressively suggestive when it is recalled that in 1841 Ireland had a population of o admire the frank directness of Mr. Mc- | 8,200,000, while that of Scotland was only 2,620,000. These are startling figures. They show the continued existence in Ireland of people to leave their native land to seek they do not demonstrate, that there must loyalty, his noble purpose. He seed not which is attended by these consequences.

The official figures of the cost of th South African war from 1899 to 1902 are given by the British chancellor of the exchequer as \$714,035,000. This total em-300,000, the aggregate of two wars carried on at the same time with \$24,250,000 of in not include the cost of two other "small" in progress in South America and Chinathe military expedition in Somaliland. These together can hardly have cost less then Empire is doubtless a brilliant

A Patton Proposition.

President Patton declared in his bac calaureate sermon at Princeton that there are no truly great men living today. This may be true, but more difficulty would be experienced in passing a resolution to that effect in a convention of politicians than the Presbyterians have encountered in their efforts for a revision of the creed.

POPS AND PLUTOCRATS.

Leaders of the Plain People Coddling the Money Power.

New York Tribune. able to forget. It was less than a year ago when Charles A. Towne of Minnesota was convinced that his country and his countrynen were confronted with dangers enough to make one's hair stand on end. Between showing the people how to dodge octopuses building forts near all the large cities for the intimidation of citizens Mr. Towne had little time to devote to other pursuits. He was deeply distressed over expiring liberty been blind to the fact that millions upon many platforms that he came near winning millions of rubles were being diverted from the record away from Mr. Bryan. Mr. of a dishonest dollar and for the glorification of his country through the "scuttle" And now, in this short space, Mr. Towne

has forgotten that liberty is expiring, has turned his back upon the struggling masses who depended upon him to get their wages paid for them in 50-cent dollars, has ceased to try to hold the crumbling constitution together and has in fact gone off arm in arm with the octopus. Nor is this all. Mr. Towne has not been content to work his own downfall, but he has carried others down with him. Mr. Towne has paid \$25,000 y'r honor. for an oil land tract in Texas and with him has associated Governor Benton McMillan of Tennessee and ex-Governor Hogg of Texas in a \$5,000,000 company. It is hard to believe these things of McMillan and Hogg, but, after this news about Towne, we suppose that we may believe anything.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Street railway companies owe New York ity \$6,588,396 in arrears of taxes. Bids for the state printing of the Empire state under the new law will save the state \$133,000 in two years.

Democratic clubs in Indianapolis are hold-

The W. J. Bryan league of Chicago has

substituted that of Carter H. Harrison. The league has 500 members, The new Tilden club, in New York City,

dropped the name of the Nebraskan and

subscribed for it. John McLean gave Tom Johnson a ter-

ber of Tammany Hall died in Manhattan on Friday night, immediately after drinking a glass of water. Surprises to one's system are always dangerous." The two Illinois senators are as sweet on each other as two cherubs in a crib.

Senator Mason is up for re-election and his colleague says of him: "I like Billy; Ma says she has heard you are flighty,

Politicians and others standing in with its natural "sphere of influence," would the legislature of Pennsylvania are working A havin' a dressmaker help her Build up to presentable shape. the richest gold mine ever tapped by law 000,000, and the combination of several of giers has rendered such a prospect nugating the big watch companies into a watch trust tory. The peninsular states of Spain and the granting of rapid transit privileges by She'll never kick over the traces. with a capital of \$75,000,000. So the list Portugal have between them 1,000,000 square the state authorities passed both houses at the state authorities passed both houses at Harrisburg late on the 7th inst. At midnight it was approved by the governor. At But if you—Say, cheese it! She's comin'! night it was approved by the governor. At daylight on the morning of the 8th 500 men,

the state department armed with applications for charters. The only preliminary was the payment of the department fees of per cent on the authorized capital. The life of the franchises is unlimited, but the -roads chartered must be completed within nine years. Commenting on the spectacle a Philadelphia paper says: "Unless in the hideous orgy of corruption and crime that attended the carpet-bag governments in the southern states after the civil war there

promoters and attorneys, lined up before

LIGHT AND BRIGHT.

never has been such a shameless prostitu-

tion of official power for private speculation.

as has been lately flouted in Pennsyl-

vanta.

Philadelphia Press: "Leather-head? Why, I thought her real bright." "Well, she is educated, to be sure! Say a patent-leather-head!" "Leather-head?

Brooklyn Life: Stoutman (struggling and growding to force himself on to the packet Broadway car)—Humph! What's this—the flog car? Elderly Passenger-Yes! Jump right on-

Pittsburg Chronicle: "The British government has issued a blue book giving the losses and expenses of the Boer wat."
"Well, I should think that really would

Chicago Tribune: Police Magistrate-You are accused of stealing a ride on the rail-road. What have you got to say about it? Goodman Gonrong-You may search me.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Why, I never knew a woman with such a tender heart." "indeed."
"Yes. Why, do you know, she couldn't kill even a moth miller."

Detroit Free Press: "I called on four ladies last night, said the fickle beau, "Gee whiz" exclaimed Jack Potts, "you must be a lobster. I'd keep on raising all night if I held a hand like that."

Puck: First Citizen-Of course, we don't Second Citizen-1 should say not! We

Chicago Journal: "Are you de gemman at said 'de hoss mus' go?" asked the paign.

Former Senator Pettigrew says he would rather vote for Mark Hanns than for Dave Hill for president. Retirement from office conduces to sound thinking.

Am, answered the enthusiast on the subject of mechanics. "Well, sah, I jes' desiahed to take de liberty of sayin' dat I has de balkles animal dat ever blocked a street, jes aroun' de corner. I she ly would be much oblige ef you could come aroun an' prove you olored man.
"I am," answered the enthusiast on the

HUNCH FROM HER LITTLE BROTHER.

James Barton Adams in Denver Post, So, you're goin' to marry my #ister! composed of men opposed to Bryanism, is booming in membership. A clubhouse is to be built and \$150,000 has already been Twas mebbe the best she could do.

She give us a sort of a sample rific punch in the short ribs by changing the call for the Ohio democratic state convention so as to hold it in Columbus instead of Cleveland.

The Brooklyn Eagle notes that "a member of Tanyman Hall died in the Columbus in Standard Cleveland.

She give us a sort of a sample Of what you've bin sayin' to her. Of love flowin' deep as the ocean An' heavens that never'd blur. Of how you believed her an angel Jest loaned to the earth from the sky. But pa said she oughtn't to worry—You'd git over all that by an' by.

An', say now, she ain't a bad fellow As long as we let her be boss.

Cept when she gits up in the mornin'
She's apt to be snappy an' cross.

I recken she's told you' bout Harry
That give her the diamond ring.

An' how when she found it was bogus
He got the elaborate fling?



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