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GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

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It is always easier to do nothing than to do something. The community that does nothing, however, is distanced in the race.

Judging from its personnel, the committee appointed to wrestle with the consolidation problem seems to be built on the plan of a diversity of interests.

The same newspaper organs that stood up for Bartley after his embezzlement had been disclosed are standing up for Stuefer and his crooked bond deals.

Whenever a public officer is exposed in last session.

The school board would strike a popular chord by making a New Year's ballot in the election of its officers and

For Yale to get a goose egg at the hands, or rather feet, of its Harvard rivals in the year of its bicentennial makes the ignominy all the more difficult to endure.

It appears that Senator Patterson told the people in attendance upon the consolidation meeting, called by the Real Estate exchange, several things that

they did not want to hear.

As the only living ex-president Mr. Ceveland's health is an object of solicitude on the part of all American citizens, who hope that his life may be spared for many years to come.

Austrian life insurance companies are said to resent the intrusion of American life insurance companies seeking to make inroads on their territory. And our fraternals haven't touched them yet.

The republican party stands for honesty and integrity in the management of public affairs. The republican party cannot afford to shield or defend officers who betray their trusts when honored at its hands.

There is imminent danger that Our Dave will be in such haste in his race across the continent to connect with the opening of congress that he will not have time to stop off to congratulate the boys who did the fighting at home

to come because the business in sight will soon fully justify their construction. But no speculative franchises ital. need be given away to bring this about

It is plain that the pilgrimage made by David B. Hill to Lincoln just prior to gress have endeavored to dissuade the the Kansas City convention did not remove the necessity of further evidence to prove that he is a democrat to the he has put a good deal of force in the satisfaction of Mr. Bryan's Nebraska paragraph dealing with industrial com-

If the Englishman failed to turn an honest penny out of King Edward's coronation by renting his house to foreign visitors and subletting other little privtleges, the proud claim of belonging to a nation of shopkeepers might be for-

Omaha's city charter prohibits the granting or extension of any franchise except by vote of the people ratifying bad that South Omaha's new charter was so carefully framed to omit this salutary provision.

It is the design to make the McKinley national memorial a popular tribute to the lamented president. If every adwould include every man, woman and a giant corporation or trust. The first

AI RESIGNATION OVERDUE. in scandals growing out of the fraudu- what it does represent, if anything. It lent leasing of school lands, a republican is desirable to know how much was legislature preferred charges of impeachment against him and removed free and to whom, and, if possible, for him from office.

When a republican state treasurer be trayed the trust reposed in him by the state school fund, he was promptly ar- perhaps the most essential element of raigned by republican prosecuting of any legislation dealing with trusts. cials, tried and convicted before repub. This view is very generally approved. lican judges and made to pay the penalty of his odious offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

When only a few weeks ago a candidate nominated for a minor office on the of the public, to the steadying of indusrepublican state ticket was found to have trial finances, to the making of indusmind demanded his withdrawal and out pools, industrial swindles and tend to ored him he filed a voluntary resignation from the ticket.

When in the face of all these lesson mits the sacred trust funds in his cusindefensible action?

When the demand was made upon Joseph S. Bartley that he make a cash accounting on turning over at the completion of his first term as treasurer. he defiantly retorted that if the de mand were insisted on he would meet it with his resignation. Later events tracted fall weather, retarding winter proved that it would have been better purchases, has been a disturbing elefor both Bartley and the state had his ment to the extent of deferring the beresignation been forced at that time. When the late republican state convenupon all custodians of public funds for better. periodical exhibits of the amounts and whereabouts of public moneys confided to their keeping. Treasurer Stucfer said he would resign before he would comply. Mr. Stuefer's resignation is now overdue.

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa, who tives at the last session of congress, tomers, no matter what bargains they at the opening of the coming session. has an assured and regular income the which will be a week from today. It business of the retailer need not lag. is the opinion of Mr. Hepburn that no Another factor that contributes to the bill, unless there shall be found in the the loyalty of Omaha people to their new canal treaty, when ratified, some- city. While there is still room for imthing that will require a reconstruction provement in this respect, the people of of the measure. He stated a few days this community have been educated up ceived there is nothing in the agree- from the patronage of home industry for the gavety of nations? ment with Great Britain which will and home institutions. The merchant prevent the United States from building who can rely upon the patronage of his an isthmian canal exactly as we choose fellow townsmen knows that he has a and as provided by the house bill of sure foundation to build on that will

Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the United States control of such territory besirable and necessary on which to construct a canal. When control of such resolution to abolish the odicus secret territory shall have been secured, the the appointment of a German in the bill, but in any event there appears to be no doubt of its passage if subject to the slightest imputation. The

seems assured. that the Department of State, baying always second. received an advance notice of the contents of the canal commission's report. is preparing to negotiate new treaties with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, in pursuance of the protocols signed some months ago. The understanding already effected between our government and the two Central American states gives assurance that no difficulty will be found in securing control of the territory necessary for the construction of the proposed canal. It is thus made practically certain that the Nicaragua route will be selected, regardless of any proposition that may yet come from the Panama company.

PUBLICITY FOR TRUSTS.

Forecasts of President Roosevelt's message state that his attitude on the trust question will appeal to the popular feeling in regard to the combinations and while he will recommend no Those suburban electric railways specific action by congress, he will go radiating out from Omaha are bound at least as far as he did when governor of New York and insist on publicity in the operations of combinations of cap How this publicity and supervision are to be maintained be will leave to the supervision of congress. It is said that influential members of conpresident from an aggressive attitude as to trusts, but so far as can be learned binations and has handled the subject

vigorously. In his message to the New York legislature in January, 1900. Mr. Roosevelt said: "That abuses exist and that they are of a very grave character it is worse than idle to deny. Just so long sort of strenuous business that modern as in the business world unscrupulous news getting is. cunning is allowed the free rein which. thanks to the growth of humanity during the past centuries, we now deny to unscrupulous physical force, then just proposition duly submitted. It is too so long there will be a field for the best effort of every honest social and civic should have reflected that this excuse did reformer who is capable of feeling an not avail in the original instance impulse of generous indignation, and who is far-sighted enough to appreciate where the real danger to the country lies. The effects are bad enough when the unscrupulous individual works by mirer of the great McKinley would con- himself. They are worse when he works tribute his mite, the list of contributors in conjunction with his fellows through

licity. We should know authoritatively When the first republican governor, whether stock represents the actual thosen after Nebraska's attainment to value of plants, or whether it represtatehood, became hopelessly involved sents brands or good will; or, if not, actually bought, how much was issued

what reason." In subsequent utterances regarding the industrial combinations, Mr. Rooseembezzlement of money belonging to the velt has urged the idea of publicity, as James B. Dill of New York, who has served as legal adviser of several large trusts, said recently that publicity would redound not only to the benefit been an innocent beneficiary of stolen trial securities a permanent investment school money, republicans throughout for holders, large and small, but would Nebraska with almost unanimity of also prevent the formation of blind of respect to the party that had hon avert financial panies." It is very generally recognized that to secure the same standard of publicity in the reports of all the great corporations state legislaanother republican state treasurer per- tion is inadequate, since it is entirely hopeless to expect it to be practically tody that make up the endowment of uniform. Consequently in order to sethe public schools to be used for pri- cure publicity there must be national vate gain, can any republican who has legislation and no more timely service the interest of his state and his party can be done by President Roosevelt truly at heart lend countenance to such than to impress on congress the necessity of legislation with this end primarily in view.

LOCAL TRADE CONDITIONS.

Reports on all sides are to the effect that Omaha is enjoying most favorable local trade conditions. While the proginning of the buying season, the ability of the people to make purchases accordtion embodied in its platform a demand ing to their demands has never been

all the mechanics, artisans and laborers been steadily employed, but they have been employed at wages that enable them to support their families with increasing comfort and conveniences. reported the Nicaragua canal bill which When the people have no money to was passed by the house of representa- spend the merchants cannot attract cusintends to again introduce the measure may offer, but when the workingman

material changes will be needed in the upbuilding of local business in Omaha is ago that from the information he had re- to a realization of the benefits resulting warrant enlargement and expansion.

a piece of crooked work, he always. That measure authorizes the president. Omaha merchants are, as a rule, blames the persons uncovering him for of the United States to acquire from awake to their opportunities, and by taking advantage of present promising conditions should drive a brisk trade

One of the objections raised against bill requires that the secretary of war American as successor of the late Conshall be directed to excavate and con- sul General Osborn at Apia was that struct a canal between points design his foreign birth might impair his force nated. The sum of \$140,000,000, or so as a representative of the American govmuch thereof as may be necessary, is ernment in disputed matters to which appropriated for the completion of the the German government might be a work, the money to be drawn from the party. We thought we had passed the reasury from time to time as the same time when the staunch Americanism shall be needed. It is probable that of citizens who deliberately left the some modifications will have to be made fatherland to share the benefits of freer institutions in this country would be the new treaty is ratified, which now true German-American places the United States first in his patriotic devo-Meanwhile the announcement is made | tion and the renounced German empire

Former Senator Allen insists that the democrats and populists have distinctly different aims and objects, yet should continue to co-operate on the fusion plan. The bond of union is, of course, the offices. If, however, the members of the two parties believe in different principles the arguments are not cogent for them to keep voting for the same men.

Suppose it had been shown that the state treasurer had handed over to a confederate the whole bond belonging to the school fund instead of just the interest coupons, would we have to have some one prefer sworn charges in writing to that effect before the governor would even take cognizance of the theft?

Up to Providence Now.

Chicago Post Stewart says Providence settled the silver question. This should make it easier for Mr. Bryan to cut his cards for

new deal. Danger Apprehended Washington Star. It should have been made a condition of Pat Crowe's return that he would promise

not to kidnap any members of the reception committee. A Common Characteristic. J. Sterling Morton's Conservative.

We note that when a political machine is smashed the smashers always gather up few stray levers, cogs, belts and pulleys and organize a reconstruction bureau.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

President Roosevelt doesn't like it at al because official news leaks out and into the newspapers ahead of time. But that's the

The Old Adam Again. Baltimore American The officer who hypothecated \$70,000 from the order of the Maccabees falls back on the old plea, "A woman tempted me,"

Cable Without Subsidy

Philadelphia Record. While American statesmen continue to discuss the scheme for a subventioned submarine telegraph line from our coast to the Philippines, the recently organized Commercial Pacific Cable company is fashioning the first section of the chain whereby guard, at a later day and shot him with one it proposes to link the United States with of the very pistols Carpenter had bechild of mature intellect in the country, essential is knowledge of the facts-publits far eastern possessions. By the time queathed to him-

congressmen shall get through talking about spending part of our redundant rev enues on a Pacific cable private capital will have put down the wires that will complete the electric girdle of the world.

Too Auxious to Uniond.

Philadelphia Ledger. There is nothing small about the prop osition of a syndicate to buy up the railroads of the country and sell them to the government.

Equality in Taxation.

Buffalo Express. One effect of the decisions of the supreme ourt of Illinois in the matter of franchise taxation is seen in a movement started by the St. Louis Board of Education to force the Missouri State Board of Equalization to tax franchises. When this cheme of taxation is carried out completely in all states a vast amount of revenue will be added to the public treasuries.

Get Into the Bandwagon. Philadelphia Ledger. The French journalist who predicts the the present century is merely exercising the usual journalistic prescience and his advice to his own country to make friends with ours in such a way as to secure a means reciprocity and mutual trade advantages, rather than commercial war.

Tectotalers Are Good Risks.

Washington Star. Some insurance companies are now issuing policies to total abstainers as a separate class. Whether or not the total abstainer is likely to live longer or not is a matter still in debate. But there is not much doubt that, as a rule, he will average higher than the other people in keeping policies from lapsing, and that fact might make a difference to the disadvantage of the policyholders whose claims come to final settle-

An "Old Saw" Reground.

Portland Oregonian. Shakespeare makes somebody say, am a great eater of beef, and I believe it does harm to my wit." But are the beef-eaters so stupid? The Italians consume twenty-four pounds per annum per The year just closing has probably capita, the Spaniards twenty-seven pounds seen less of enforced idleness among the Bohemians and Hungarians thirty-one working classes in Omaha and vicinity pounds and the Americans 146 pounds. Are than any previous year. Not only have Americans and Englishmen prepared to deny that beef, brains and brawn go together and to put the Italian at the top?

Why This Discrimination!

Washington Post. The mere fact that England is toasted exclusively at representative New York functions inevitably prompts the query: Why? Certainly it is not because Eugland or Englishmen contribute chiefly to our national prosperity and expansion. Altogether the est and most wholesome additions to our population have been made by Germany, Sweden and Norway. These have helped to build up the country. They and the Irish make the bone and sinew of the imported element. Why is it necessary to top it the British monarch and ignore such loreign rulers as William II of Germany? Why is it necessary to toast any foreign ruler of whatever nationality? Why, indeed, save

SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST.

An Episode of the Days of the Keel

One of the features of the December (Christmas) Century is the second install- advocates the reforms which he believes ent of "The Settlement of the West: Study in Transportation," by Emerson Hough, with pictures by Frederick Remington. This chapter of the epic of the west as long as the democrats stand pat on on with an account of "the upstream man." In 1810 the western frontier of the United States slanted like the roof of a house from Maine to Louisiana. The center of population was almost exactly upon the site of the city of Washington. The west was a distinct section and it was a section which had begun to develop an aristocracy. We still wore linsey-woolsey in Kentucky, still pounded our corn in a hollow stump in Ohio, still killed our Indians with the ancient weapon of our leans in flatboats, still were primitive in many ways. None the less we had among us an aristocrat, a man who classified himself as better than his fellow man. There had been born that early captain of transcould go up stream. The latter had for the stationary or semi-stationary man a vast and genuine contempt as no mad man has ever had for the man of anchored habit. There was warrant for this feeling of superiority, for the keel-boat epoch was a great one in American history. Had this clumsy craft never been supplanted by the steamboat its victories would have been of greater value to America than all the triumphs it ever won upon the seas.

As for the keel boatmen themselves, they were a hardy, wild and reckless breed. They spent their days in the blazing sun their heads drooping over the setting pole their feet steadily trudging the walking boards of their great vessel from morning until night and day after day. A wild life, merry one and a brief was that lived by

this peculiar class of men who made characters for one of the vivid chapters in the tale of the early west. Mike Fink, they tell us, was a king among the keel boatmen at the date of the introduction of steamcraft upon the Ohio and the Mississippi, a man of medium height weighing about 180 pounds, all bone and brawn, a champion with the rifle, a master in fisticuffs, a hard drinker, a hard worker, of temper alternately sullen and merry and of a sheer physical force which dominated all he met in his rude calling. This is the man who figures in a well known anecdote recounted by different early writers. It seems that he had a bosom friend named Carpenter, with whom he was wont to engage in a certain risky pastime. "Carpenter and Mike used to fill a tin cup with whisky," says one chronicler, "and place it by turns on each other's heads and shoot at it with a rifle at the distance of seventy yards. It was always bored through without injury to the one on whose head it was placed. This feat is too well authenticated to admit of question. It was often performed and they liked the feat the better because it showed their confidence in each other." Yet it fell out that after a long and much-tried friendship these two as last had a quarrel, which parted them, and it was some time before their friends could bring about a reconciliation. A truce was patched up, how ever, and to bind it the two agreed to resort to their old test of amity. Mike won the toss and it was Carpenter who was chosen by fate to carry the tin cup for the other's aim. Carpenter knew what was to follow and he then and there made his will, giving his rifle, pistols and equipment to his friend Talbot. He was too proud to ask for his life, though he knew Mike Fink's treachery and relentlessness. Fold ing his arms Carpenter stood calm and steady with the cup on his head. Fink shot

him square through the forehead and then

calmly chided him for spilling the contents

told he had killed his friend. An officer of

the frontier overtook him, when off his

of the cup. He pretended to be sorry whe

The Irrigation Movement

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Perhaps those members of congress are Any plan which will materially add to the correct who are saying that President productiveness of the arid region covering Roosevelt is favorable to the movement in the far western states for the adoption of tribute to the population, wealth and prosa scientific and extended system of irriga- perity of the country. tion. Senator Warren of Wyoming, a state and who is one of its enthusiastic advocates, is confident that the president is on will be cast against it by New England and their side. Secretary Hitchcock is a friend the old middle states. Part of the south now the gothic curve of an enormous arch of the scheme. The votes of a majority of is apathetic and part of it is hostile. Some between the Mississippi and the Pacific can be relied on for any intelligent plan of irri-

gation. One of the reasons why the champions of irrigation feel that President Roosevelt will be with them is that he resided in their locality for part of several years and knows the need of the adoption of an intelligent system of water storage and distribution. He has been through all the arid region of the United States. The arguments for irriorld supremacy of the United States within gation which its advocates present will appeal to him with force. The advantage of irrigation, directly to the region immediately concerned and indirectly to the country at large, is so great that it ought to fair share of American trade is wise. It receive the earnest attention of the country.

part of half a dozen states will largely con-But the friends of irrigation ought to

which is vitally interested in irrigation, understand at the outset that they will meet with much opposition. A heavy vote he congressmen from the whole region votes will be cast against it by the middle west. It will run against big obstacles, The president's favor for it will count for much, but this will not necessarily bring success. A campaign of education on tha issue should be started and should be kept up until a favorable result is brought. At present the government's income largely exceeds its outgo. The money for a wisely planned system of irrigation at national expense-and that is the only practicable way that irrigation can ever be had on a large scale can be spared now, but may not be available after another cut in tax ation is made. The irrigation matter should be presented to congress right at the opening of the session.

DISCUSS FUTURE OF FUSION.

Hastings Tribune (rep.): The Omaha see has felt the pulse of fusionism in Nebraska and finds it somewhat weak and on the decline. Several of the populist and democratic leaders expressed themselves in regard to the future of fusion in this state and according to their own statements they don't know where they're "at." Sidney Republican: The process of disntegration is now at work within the fudon ranks in Nebraska. The vagaries of Bryanism no longer bewitch those republicans who were wont to stray from the fold. They are coming back very rapidly and congratulate themselves that they and the country have escaped populistic

heresies. Nelson Herald (pop.): A fusion that loesn't fuse is a failure and as far as we are concerned we will have no more of it. When the populist party once more is willing to stand or fall on its merits then t will rise from the ashes of fusion to be the real friend of the people. When, regardless of office, it stands for principle and ceases to cater to the other fellow. be he democrat or republican, then and not until then will victory perch upon our ban-

Beatrice Democrat: The World-Herald s of opinion the conventions made mistake in not nominating a populist for supreme judge and two populists for regents. It reaches this conclusion after seeing the manner in which the populist counties broke over into the republican camp. So long as democrats supported the populists and asked nothing but the privilege of voting for them fusion fused, but when the democrats asked a place upon the ticket fusion fizzled.

Grand Island Free Press (pop.): As to the future of fusion, so far as it concerns the populists, we entertain no hesitancy in saying that it amounts to but little whether there is fusion or no fusion. So long as the populists maintain their organization as a party and as long as Bryan democracy adheres to the Chicago and St. Louis platforms no power can prevent fusion. In the event that the populists disband as a party organization then the individual will vote with either of the two great parties that will best conserve the commonwealth. With populists the issue above all issues is, Shall the classes or the masses rule? and this important issue the populists, whether through organized effort or individual volition, will always prove a faithful ally. The mission of the populist party was waged for checks." repeated the attendant, waxing inthe purpose of correcting the wrongs in the dignant. accomplished is not to be ashamed of.

corrupt old parties and the work already got no checks. Holdrege Progress (rep.): So far as the populist party is concerned as a political organization there appears scarcely enough of it left to talk about, while eastern and western democracy do not assimilate. eastern element, dominated by David Hill and the Whitney stripe, is almost as foreign to the Bryan element as Bryan democracy is to republicanism. A union of the two elements, therefore, contemplates a compromise on the part of Bryan and his followers tantamount to the abandonment of the cardinal principles of the Bryan wing. What Mr. Bryan will do in the premises is still a matter of conjecture. What the populists will do, particularly the Nebraskans, in the present dilemma is also a much mooted question. The populists have come from both the republican and democratic parties and unless some new movement springs up it is but reasonable to anticipate that a very large majority will return to the party from which hour of hard work to straighten out the t came. No person will be presumptuous enough to say that the remnant of populism will go over to Bryan democracy in Its present condition.

Plattsmouth Democrat: Under such adverse conditions it is not surprising that the interest of the democrats in fusion waned. The incentive always dangled before their deluded visions was that they might elect a president with the vote of Nebraska, and, therefore, they should be good and take what the populists gave them. This did very well until the last vestige of electing the great Nebraskan to the White House failed-then there was a determination upon the part of Nebraska democrats to assert their rights and a demand arose for a ticket that was democratic, and not a confused mob of polit ical leeches, ready for any party which gave promise of office. When the democrats were compelled, in their convention this fall, to once again submit to a nauseous commingling of their party with the populists this demand for a popular demo cratic ticket was carried into effect. True democrats stayed from the polls in such numbers that the republicans won, and won, too, in the face of a disgraceful record This was one effect of fusion and it is pertinent to ask, Is fusion in Nebraska failure? The facts show that fusion has failed in Nebraska. And what has occurred in Nebraska has taken place in every other state in the central west. Dakota fell away from victory before Nebraska did. Kansas returned to republicanism before Nebraska repudiated fusion, Oregon is again in the republican column, despite fusion, and even in Colorado, where the silver issue had its home, there are signs which point the way to a defeat of

pressed by the leading politicians of the seems almost mediaeval in suggestion. state probably voice the sentiments of a some populists who will do so, but there dames, tinseled rogues and rapiered braggers are others who will never be democrate or republicans and should the populist party to furnish characters for a thousand rocase to exist they will still continue to be independent voters and will vote for the best men regardless of party. One of the things which tend to keep populists out of the democratic party is the arrogance of some of the party leaders. The populists river, alternately dun and crimson, as they are independent thinkers and will brook no reflect the varying colors of the sky, seem.

But it's easy—very easy—just to float along and dream.

Yet the man sometime discovers that he cannot float up stream.

And he learns, too, that the world is full of folks who like to drift.

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interference at the hands of the self-ap cointed leaders of other parties. There t no disputing the fact that there are demo erats who have no use whatever for populists only as they can use them to further their selfish ends. Then there are wholesouled democrats with whom it is a pleasure to affiliate and if these latter are to dictate the policies of the party we predict that many populists will join them. Already some of our leading populists are leaning toward the democrata, while others have gone back to the republican party. The Quill believes with Brother Howard that there is no longer any valid excuse for fusion, but believes that the populists will not rush into the democratic party in any great numbers until they know which branch of democracy is to rule in the next nationa convention.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

There was a hot time in one house in Brooklyn. It was a social function, a euchre party given by Mrs. Harriet Burton. an artist, which was attended by 300 women. Everything was "just lovely" until my face?" while another, closed, says, "i the windup, when there was a mixup rival- am ashamed to be here; take me away!" ing a riot at a bargain counter. At the close of the party nearly the entire 300 watch has three hands, and the third is the moved in a body on the cloakroom. The attendant inside the booth was a stout have been used in "timing the Great woman of color. The first of the players Human Race." to reach the booth was a tall, angular voman, who carried under her arm a big

sofa pillow, on which there appeared an embroidered cupid, a prize she had won. "My hat and coat, please," she said, with frigid stare at the colored woman. 'Where's yo' check?" asked the attend-

"Check?" returned the woman with the sofa pillow. "What do I want with a check? I want my hat and coat. There they are, up in that corner box.' 'Ah can't give yo' no hat wifout yo show yo' check," protested the attendant. Just then something like twenty-seven other women pushed forward together from the rear and asked for their wraps and hats. All talked freely, but none showed a

"This is an outrage. I shall not submit ing her arms wildly. There was a general indorsement of this sentiment and all looked at the colored woman as if they felt she was holding

their wraps for ransom. "Ah can't give out not hats wifout no "'Pears mighty strange yo' ain't

mahself." Then a brilliant idea struck a number of As they Maine. the women simultaneously. couldn't get their hats without checks, they would go downstairs and hunt for the checks. This they did. Nearly every woman nounced on the first check she saw lying on the floor of the ball and with a little scream of triumph burried back upstairs

with it to the cloakroom. "Here, I have a check," said the first of these to get back to the room, handing in a bit of pasteboard into the colored woman in the booth. "Now give me my things." The harassed and indignant attendan quickly shoved out the hat and coat which the check called for and the woman who received them, without looking at them. tripped away happily to put them on. Then the women who had gone downstairs and picked up checks handed in the bits of pasteboard and got the things they called for. It took much patience and an

The daughter of one of the richest residents of Montelair, N. J., and once noted belle, was a prisoner in the first pre cinct court of Newark charged with being a professional beggar. With her, also under arrest and charged with the same offense was her husband, Joseph L. Farnesham who, although carefully dressed with an obvious attempt at style, showed in his face deep lines, which told of care and privation.

"I did beg, your honor," said the pris oner, meeting Judge Lambert's gaze without flinching. "I did it for this dear girl's sake, to give her food and shelter. Gladly would I have worked, but I could find nothing to do." Meanwhile the parents of the young

had reached the court and notified the judge of their willingness to provide for her. So the charge against Mrs. Farnesham was not pressed, while the husband was sentenced to thirty days in jail. No sooner had the judge announced thi

decision than the loyal wife sprang forward, crying: "If my husband is guilty, if begging b a crime, then I am guilty, too." She insisted on going to jail with her husband and was carried away only when ex

hausted and fainting.

Standing on Brooklyn bridge at dusk and gazing over the scrapers, towers and spires of Manhattan, filled with exuberant joy, a writer on the New York Sun made these outbursts:

Whatever is extravagant or ugly in the architecture of the tall structures massed upon Manhattan island from Chambers street to the Battery is jost in the dusk Schuyler Quill (pop.): These ideas as ex- of evening, and the most modern of cities

The high twinkling lights in 10,000 winarge number of democrats and populists. dows are not to prolong the labors of be-Three of the number declare in favor of lated clerks, but to grace the festivities fusion, while the fourth, Edgar Heward, of dame and cavalier, for the vast messays he believes there is no longer any occasion for fusion and that the populists peopled with appropriate inhabitants, peopled with appropriate inhabitants, waiting chances lie, but unless he does some rowing it will swiftly bear him by: Finds that down the stream the niches that he looks for all are full, and that if he'd seek the right one he must turn about and pull. Three of the number declare in favor of lated clerks, but to grace the festivities fusion, while the fourth, Edgar Howard, of dame and cavaller, for the vast me says he believes there is no longer any oc- diaeval city of the November gloaming is casion for fusion and that the populists peopled with appropriate inhabitants. some populists who will do so, but there dames, tinseled rogues and rapiered brag-

are independent thinkers and will brook no reflect the varying colors of the sky, seem

writ all over with the romance of those

high and peopled walls. Not even the floating steam craft can break the spell of mediaevalism, for the eye rejects every incensistency and anachronism of the scene and refuses to be undeceived. A little convoy of dingy white oyster sloops, ducking and dancing behind a tiny tug, may stand for any sort of craft belonging to an earlier time. The bread sail of a lumbering sand sloop, a shapeless thing of soil and patches, seems contemporary with the earliest youth of Columbus As the tranced watcher catches in the half light, now a steel cordage of the bridge it is a gigantic ship, or a vast cathedral, and the roar of motor machinery is the sound of the wind through the rigging, or of an organ mightler than any that over breathed over kneeling multitudes.

Beyond the dim gray majesty of the gothic tower stretches the vast East Side of the city, along the water front glowing with great splashes of light toland suffused with mingled gloom and brightness and punctuated with brilliant sparks. A wild and momentarily glooming sky, suggestive in its dim aspect of its neighbor, the vacsea, spreads over all.

Dimly seen through the palpable dusthat hovers over the river to the northward is the ribbed and slatted ghost of the great bridge, whose spectral towers and dim-seep cordage give the last touch of unreality to the scene, and seem to set the seal of authenticity upon the wildest conjectures of imagination.

Along the Bowery are dozens of windows where are displayed unredeemed pledges, trinkets or valuables that have strayed from all quarters into these eddles of commerce. Sometimes a melancholy interest attaches to these things, says the New York Tribune, but the pawnbroker is a foe to melancholy. Therefore he puts humorous placards upon his wares, to catch the eye and evoke a smile, for a good bumored man is a better customer than a gloomy one. One window displays a cobwebbed skull bearing a placard that says: "There are 1.000 skulls in existence said to be Oliver

never misrepresent." Further along a skull is displayed which is said to have belonged to "Pliny, whose body was entirely consumed in Vesuvius.' A large legbone is advertised as "Good enough to do for you if ever yours is broken."

Cromwell's. This is not one of them.

Watches give the Bowery humorist a splendid field. One of them bears a ticket bidding the passer "Buy me if you haven't time." Another confesses that "Slow horses did this-made him pawn me for \$25." One watch asks, boldly, "Don't you like

A pretentious notice points out that "This second hand!" A stop watch is said to On a bottle of snakes is hung this solemn

warning, "Don't look at me, if drunk, for you will certainly see things." A dealer declares his honesty thus, "This looks like a thousand-dollar bill, but I made it myself; I never misrepresent," but he casts discredit on the statement by display

ionged to the notorious apple that got Eve into trouble." PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

ing some apple seeds which he declares "be

A Missouri school teacher recently whaled bunch of his pupils. The boys retaliated and Missouri is short one teacher.

Evidence taken at Washington goes to show that Colonel Meade's Jags were the wonder and admiration of the service. for divorce, charges her husband with cruel and unusual punishment, to-wit: stealing

her false teeth. News comes from Washington Intimating that President Roosevelt's first message contains 28,000 words, or about seventeen newspaper columns. Lord, how long! State wardens of Maine have prohibited

fishing until next June in Lake Chargoggagoggmanchang, etc. The rest of the name omitted out of respect for the exiles of A papier-mache representation of a corps-

is to be exhibited at the Bonine trial at Washington. The prosecution must be shy on evidence when it resorts to gruesome theatrical effects. Sir Henry Strong will act as adminis-

trator of the Dominion of Canada during the absence of Lord Minto, the governor general. This is the first time a Canadian

has served in this capacity. The republican attorney general of Kentucky, who did not appeal his case against his democratic opponent until the court of appeals was of his political complexion manifested keen appreciation of the higher

ideals of government.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I see that the women who attend the New York horse show will be decoltay." suppose the horses will be decoltay. "No, they will be decoltish."

Chicage Post: "She's such a matter-of-act, businesslike young woman that I'm surprised she married him. He's not very "No; but he's very old and he carries big life insurance."

Somerville Journal: He—It is because love you that I call your attention to you She (tearfully)-if you really loved me you wouldn't think I had any faults. Detroit Free Press: "When the lecturer made a grammatical error it brought down the house," said Miss Gurley.
"I don't think the house had been well brought up," commented Mrs. Gurley.

Philadelphia Press: "But, I tell you, your shopping is extravagant." he protested: "you should never take a thing just because it looks cheap."
"Indeed." said the extravagant young wife, "if I had followed that advice when you proposed to me I never would have taken you."

Washington Star: "Doesn't it make you nervous to hear your husband constantly complaining about the way political affairs are managed?" "No." answered the tired-looking woman
"It's a relief to have him complain about
politics. It takes his mind off the meals." THE UPSTREAM PULL.

Josh Wink in Baltimore American It's easy when you're drifting with the current down the stream. When the oars are shipped beside you and the laughing ripples gleam; When there's naught to do but idle in the cushioned seat and bask cushioned seat and bask
In the happy, glowing sunshine, while the
water does the task But there comes a sudden waking to the fancy—and the dream

When the time arrives that some one has to—pull against the stream.

The fellow who's contented while the cur-rent bears him on Finds that every mile he travels shows a wished-for haven gone; Finds the water bears him softly where the

never row up stream.