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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, A. D. 1901. M. B. HUNGATE. (Seal.) Notary Public. (Seal.) Signs of economic war are observed

hovering over Europe. Most people, however, refuse to believe in signs.

Wonder if the \$18,000 cash surplus in the permanent school fund still remains in the vault in the state treasury?

Did the Omaha school board call for a grand jury in order to have the South Omaha school board hauled over the coals?

Just now it is all the rage to kick the ability of the party to inspire the conheathen Chinee. It does not take much fidence of the voters and the character courage to hit a fellow who has no of the candidates presented to the friends.

The first step in tax reduction is to expand the assessment roll by including lican. the property that has heretofore evaded taxation.

IN NEBRASKA SAFELY REPUBLICANT we have freely authorized for results The decisive majority by which not so conspicuous or beneficial even Judge Sedgwick was elected to the su- with the best we may hope or expect preme bench has been interpreted by from them." This is the broad and sound view to the republican press as proof positive

that Nebraska is safely republican and take of the question and such papers may be counted on to elect the repub- as the Transcript-intelligent, conlican state ticket in 1902 by an equally servative and influential-can do no decisive majority. This view is com- better service to the country than in the state. Let the governor and other membatted by the official state organ of showing to the people of the east the hibit of the comparative vote cast for cance of the proposed reclamation of is held and the matter straightened up. The bility of starting an investigation of the and imprisonment of Joe Bartley. populism in a carefully compiled ex- true character, importance and significandidates at the head of the respective the arid and semi-arid regions and demand it. republican and fusion state tickets pointing out the value to the entire in every election since 1895. The vote country of carrying out this great en-

| polled by republicans is as follows: 1896-MacColl, governor |
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| 1895-Post, judge 89,009 |
| 1898-Hayward, governor 92,982 |
| 1890-Reese, judge 94,213 |
| 1990-Dietrich, governor113,879 |
| 1961-Sedgwick, Judge 98,993 The fusion vote stands: |
| 110 417 |

1897-Sullivan, judge102,828 agricultural production would benefit 1898-Poynter, governor 95,703 1899-Holcomb, judge109,320 all the people of the east as well as 1900-Poynter, governor113,018 the people of other sections. In the 1901-Hollenbeck, judge 86,331 great addition that would be made to put all the blame on the county officials The deductions made from these the productive power and therefore to who sold the bonds at a higher rate of figures are that the average fusion vote for the last six years is 103,936, while of the country would share. the average republican vote is only No question is more distinctly na 97,300, indicating a fusion majority of

tional than that of adding to our agricultural area a vast region which if held by their own position, While any calculation based on averproperly irrigated, as there is no doubt ages for any considerable number of it can be, it is estimated would supyears is misleading, careful study of port a population equal to that we now the figures justifies the conclusion that have-a region where may be estab- Treasurer Stuefer is guilty of gross upon a full vote the margin between lished hundreds of thousands of Amerthe republicans and the democrats and ican homes, annually adding enor- a shady look-it cannot be said that the populists combined in fusion is still mously to the national wealth and republican press of the state has condoned very narrow. Comparing the aggregate power. Secretary Hitchcock says in Stuefer's acts. More than nine-tenths of republican vote cast for Judge Sedg- his annual report: "The expansion of the republican papers have called on Mr. wick with that cast two years before our interior trade and commerce, for Judge Reese, we find a gain of through the settlement of the arid lands 4.785, while the vote cast for Hollen- and the increase of population in the beck as compared with that for Judge west, would benefit every class and hesitate? Holcomb shows a loss of 22,986. Two section of our country in the same way years ago the total vote cast for the that the settlement of the Ohio and republican and fusion candidates for Mississippi valleys has brought prossupreme judge was 203,533, while this perity and wealth to the states east of year the total vote cast for the repub- the Alleghenies. The settlement of lican and fusion candidates was 185,- the vast arid region still farther to 327, or 18,206 less than in 1899. While the west would benefit the whole castsubstantial republican gains were doubt- ern half of the United States by creless made in the last two elections, it ating new home markets for eastern covered the leak. The Bee charges that is manifest that the chief factor in the merchants, southern cotton growers and he has been a sarty to this "speculative large shrinkage in Judge Hollenbeck's all manufacturers." Surely no ravote was the stay-at-home populists tional man can doubt that an enterand democrats. Taking the vote cast prise promising such results is national

for governor last year and the vote in its scope and importance. cast for supreme judge this year as the basis, the stay-at-home vote of 1901 A MANIFEST MISCONCEPTION.

aggregated 47,800, of which less than The Central Labor union has extended one-third was republican and fully twoa vote of thanks to Mr. W. S. Popplethirds represented the elements in opton for successfully carrying to the supreme court his injunction to prevent Looking the facts squarely in the the mayor and council from entering

face, Nebraska republicans should reinto an agreement with the water works alize that the outcome of the next company for a modification of its conyear's campaign will depend upon the

people. With continued prosperity and consideration of the waiver on the part honest compliance with party pledges Nebraska can be made safely repub-

fixed by a board of arbitration. This action was taken by the Central

the compact entered into between the

mayor and council and the water com-

ownership of the water works. As a

by Mr. Poppleton has in no way expe-

dited municipal ownership of the water

works. Although the contention of Mr.

Poppleton has been that the city had a

right to acquire the works by purchase,

under the arbitration clause of the

water works ordinance, in the year 1901,

no steps have been taken in that direc-

tion, and Mr. Poppleton himself, if we

are correctly informed, does not favor

such acquisition under the arbitration

clause, because the city would be bound

to abide by the appraisement made by

two of the three arbitrators, even if that

appraisement should be double or treble

the actual value of the water works

Republican State Press Discusses Bond Deals

Stuefer Should Be First to Ask

Investigate Immediately.

Imperial Republican: Treasurer Stuefer's statements to the people have been very that the bottom facts will ever be known, the pocket of his business associate. Until unsatisfactory to the republican press of bers of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds see that an immediate investigation party demands it and the people in general

Convicts Himself.

prise. The prevalent notion in the Rushville Recorder: If the interview of t, judging from the past position of Treasurer Stuefer, as given in the World-Herald last Friday, is correct, either he is representatives of that section in such a simpleton as to be unfit for the ngress on the subject, that only the office or else he does not realize the gravity st would be benefited by opening of his actions. An investigation is the only to settlement the arid lands, is way to settle this matter, and remove it terly narrow and erroneous. Not only from discussion of the press, until the cold auld thousands of eastern people set- hard facts of the case are placed in the

Cannot Shift Responsibilities.

Grand Island Independent (rep.): The friends of Treasurer Stuefer are trying to the wealth of the nation every part interest. It is admitted, at least, that there was an unnecessary rakeoff. And the theory that there need not be an investigation at all, that the people haven't a right to know what the facts are in the matter, isn't up-

Not Explicit Enough.

North Platte Tribune (rep.): If State manipulation of county bond deals-and we still maintain that the transactions have Stuefer for a more explicit explanation than he has yet made, and they have made the demand with the expectation that he will hearken to it. Why does Mr. Stuefer

Explanations Make It Worse.

Sidney Republican: The case made by The Omaha Bee against State Treasurer Stuefer is a very strong one. The state school fund has suffered a loss by "speculative manipulation," and Mr. Stuefer, who is accredited with more than ordinary ability as a financier, ought to have dis manipulation," and we are inclined to believe The Bee is right. The Burt and Cuming county bond deals do not show up well for Stuefer, and his efforts to explain only place him in a worse light. The attitude of the republican state convention, with relation to state funds, was made very clear, and Stuefer should resign.

Does Not Affect Bond Deal.

Kearney Hub: State Treasurer Stucfer attorney general and secretary of state. The amount was \$18,179.20. All other money showed his certificates for the amount. The of the city to exercise its right to pur- will of course be understood that it has originally bought with money belonging to burden his party longer. chase the works in 1901 for the sum nothing to do with the other matters that the permanent school fund, all the interest

Labor union on the presumption that on its deposits? The mere fact that the the clamorous orators the effect would be t ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK

have been charged against the treasurer, arising from these bonds should not have And as a matter of fact it is not probable gone into the same fund, rather than into this explanation is forthcoming the republican party of the state must rest under a stigma which differs only in degree from

Should Offer Conclusive Proof.

shoulders than his own. This is unfortunate, to say the least. The fact is it is plain there is a "nigger" in the woodpile comewhere and the "nigger" should be located. We very much dislike to believe Mr. Stuefer guilty of manipulation of the trust funds to his own advantage, but it would seem that if he were entirely blameless he would under the circumstances be the first one to ask for an investigation.

Points Beyond Controversy.

Wayne Republican: The facts in the case are at hand, and every reader of this paper is permitted to judge of matters for himself. We have no desire to assist in placing the state treasurer in a bad light if it is not just. Neither do we wish to help defend him for wrong-doing. The history of his transactions stand about as follows: He was given opportunities to buy county bonds bearing good rates of interest, but did not bid upon them. Private parties, with whom he had association hefore his official career, did buy the bonds and then sold them to the state (Stuefer) and made several thousand dollars by the deal. Now, these points are not open to controversy. The reader can pass upon the matter in his own way. He lost some interest money by the routine process and if the treasurer is innocent of intentional wrong-doing he is somewhat careless in looking after the best interests of the funds

Does Not Clear Main Charge

Tilden Citizen (rep.): The state treasurer's semi-annual report is more complete

than any other similar account previously Treasurer Stuefer, and still more surprised made public by a Nebraska state treasurer and shows in detail the disposition of all the state funds. This is satisfactory enough, but it does not in any manner clear up the suspicion resting on Mr. Stuefer in the matter of the Burt and Cuming county bond deals. He smugly remarks in his report: "I desire to state that there is nothing covered up or hidden in this office and that I am perfectly willing to submit every transaction to the most thorough examination and the most searching scrutiny by the proper authority." Exactly so. Mr. Stuefer's accounts are no doubt accurately kept, and so far as the direct transactions of the treasurer are concerned. office appears very creditable. No one expected otherwise. But there still stands a vention last fall was sincere in its platform nipulated the school fund to the advantage conducting the office. It was not drawn for

of others than the people of Nebraska. This but to follow to the letter after their elechas nothing whatever to do with his report, counted the money in his possession be- and the taxpayers of the state are entitled tion and induction into office. The party longing to the permanent school fund De- to an explanation from him. The charge is cannot afford to shield Mr. Stuefer if he has cember 2, in the presence of the governor, explicit, and, briefly stated, is as follows: no better explanation than that given to Bonds were purchased by an outsider who the public and any paper that attempts to paid for the same with the treasurer's shield him does the party a great injustice tract with the city, under which the belonging to the fund has been invested checks on state deposits. The outsider then and injury. We cannot expect to hold our company had agreed to reduce its fire in interest-bearing bonds. The balance ostensibly sold the bonds to the treasurer, state in the republican column and wink at hydrant rentals and furnish free water in current funds, amounting to \$535,295.22, first, however, detaching interest coupons any deals of a shady character on the part for all public buildings and parks, in are in depository banks and the treasurer to the value of several thousand dollars. of our officials. If Mr. Stuefer cannot The explanation due from Mr. Stuefer make a satisfactory statement regarding showing was perfectly satisfactory, but it should show why, since the bonds were the purchasing of said bonds he should not

Hartington Herald (rep.): Governor Savthat which culminated in the conviction age seems inclined to shift the responsi-

Stanton Pickett (rep.): It is stated by individuals who have been favored with an erly kept and disprove every charge against him in connection with bond deals from fully. Such may be true. We would like to doesn't even cast a shadow in a skiagraph. believe it is. If it is we would like to know so the man was photographed as he stood, it by such a statement made public by the The result showed a circular spot in the treasurer as will silence his accusers, or at region where the pain was felt. "Foreign least brand them as falsifiers, or to put if more mildly, as being mistaken. If Treasurer Stuefer is innocent, if he has done no The patient demurred, and while the surwrong, if he has not profited in an illegal geot, was explaining the necessity, in

himself, to his friends and to the repub- graph and then at the patient. lican party to make the best and strongest defense possible. Should he be able to show thing unusual lately "" to the satisfaction of unprejudiced minds that he is innocent of the charges made. against him 59 per cent of the republicans

haps not so much. because of the high esteem in which they have previously held stigma which it would give the party which Stuefer is innocent he should do more than assume the roll of injured innocence. The people are not all from Missouri, but they have a right to demand that they be shown.

Smacks of Trickery.

Pierce Call (rep.): The Call was greatly

predecessors' dinners.

George Gould has converted an ugly spot that Mr. Stuefer has let nearly two weeks on the grounds of his Lakewood (N. J.) go by without any explicit statement exhome into a beautiful sunken garden. It plaining satisfactorily every step in the is Oriental in idea and said to be the only deal. As it stands now the deal smacks of sunken garden in America.

crookedness and trickery, and the republicans of Nebraska cannot and will not Governor Miguel A. Otera of New Mexico. stand or tolerate any such actions on the is about to move in the direction of stoppart of its officials. The Call in weeks past ping the vandals who have been dismantling has sincerely defended Treasurer Stuefer's the homes of the cliff dwellers, monumenta administration against the attacks of the of a civilization older than the pyramids.

The Russian government has sanctioned World-Herald, having great confidence in him and believing him to be an honest man, the plan to crect a monument at Warsaw as well as a sound business man. Mr. Stuein memory of the celebrated Polish comfer must explain his actions in these bond poser, Frederic Chopin. The originators of deals more satisfactorily, however, before we the project intend inviting designs for the his administration of the affairs of his can place our confidence in him and defend work from British and foreign sculptors.

him again. The republican party in its con-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw of Chicago have just sailed for southern Europe, where direct charge against him of having ma- relating to the mode of the state treasurer they will start upon the most extensive automobile trip ever undertaken, including the purpose of electing men to office only, a journey through northern Africa, in a new automobile now being constructed for them in Paris. The tour will cover more than 3,000 miles.

> Representative Charles Curtis of Kansas who is always returned by his constituents, has Indian blood in his veins and if proud of it. No Indian who visits the great father at the White House feels sattaffed unless he has seen and talked with Representative Curtis. They regard him as one of the guardian angels of the Indiant in congress.

The Elks held a lodge of sorrow at Cum berland, Md., on December 1 and Senator Wellington delivered a enlogy on a departed member. In the course of his remarks he said with great emphasis that he would not eulogize anyone who in life Ripples on the Current of Life in the had been a source of disgust and disappointment to his friends. This thinly veiled reference to the famous remark of the Printers' ink played a conspicuous part in senator regarding President McKinley was

dition, that it is dangerous to life and reason, and that these facts were known to the company before they permitted the girl to take the risk of a ride.

There is a certain young surgeon in the upper section of New York City whose zeal for operating without assured necessity therefor has been considerably mitigated by a recent case. This surgeon is greatly interested in the X-ray as a means of diagnosis. He hasn't had a great deal of experience with the mysterious light, however. A patient came to him the other day complaining of a severe pain on the right side of the abdomen. Dr. B- trotted him over to a professional friend who takes X-ray pictures, skiagraphs, as they introduction" to Treasurer Stuefer's books | are technically called. The friend was out, that his records are all straight, are prop- so Dr. B- undertook to operate the machine himself. The patient started to divest himself of his clothes, but the surgeon which he is alleged to have profited unlaw- stopped him, explaining that clothing

substance in the intestine," said the surgeon. "You must be operated on at once." manuer or knowingly permitted others to do came his friend, the doctor who owns the so at the expense of the state, he owes it to X-ray apparatus. He looked at the skia-

> "H'm," he grunted. "Been eating any

"No," said the patient. "Didn't happen to swallow your car fare, perhaps?"

The man denied it.

"That spot looks to me strangely like a nickel. Let's see your vest." He exam Mr. Stuefer, as because of the relief from | ined the lower right pocket and drew out a foreign coin. The patient explained that is responsible for his election. If Treasurer it was a luck piece. "The luck is that I found it in time," said the X-ray expert. The patient departed badly scared and cured himself with a dose at the drug

store. He had nothing worse than indigestion PERSONAL NOTES. Rather more is being said about Presitent Roosevelt's luncheons than about his Burt, Cuming and other counties by State

surprised last week at the disclosures published by The Bee relative to bond deals in

in Nebraska would rejoice, not more, per-

intrusted to him. That is all.

Omaha's holiday trade has been retarded by unseasonable weather, but it should now make up delays on the zome stretch.

Every patriotic citizen of Nebraska who admired President McKinley should contribute his mite to the Mc-Kinley memorial fund.

succeed in prevailing on congress to come law, it would take all of the record for smooth work of persuasion.

The threatened split in the National Live Stock association between the cattlemen and sheepmen has been declared off and the sheep herder reposes serencly in the lap of the cowpuncher.

Statistics of the internal revenue show that the output of whisky and ate prisons, with \$12 a month pension, distilled spirits is increasing. The idea that hard times drives people to drink is apt to be shattered by this exhibit.

Wanted-A political osteopathist who can straighten the skeletons of crooked politicians who are seeking the aid of Governor Savage to project themselves adelphia Press, "every conceivable exagain into public life through the new Fire and Police commission.

Governor Van Sant is having more fun out of the railway community of interest consolidation plans than the railroad magnates themselves. Without this punching bag the Minnesota governor might have dried up for lack of official exercise.

The latest supreme court decisions in been introduced as a sop to constituthe insular cases turn on the question ents who might be benefited by such whether certain imports are dutiable, but in substance they constitute a writ of mandamus on congress to pass some sort of legislative measure to provide civil government for the Philippines.

The pope will not be represented by the usual delegate to the coronation of King Edward. His holiness says he has had no information as to the accession of a new sovereign to the British throne. Someone must be keeping the daily papers away from the pope.

least maintain the record for pension The Platte power canal project is still lingering in the dim and distant future. but that should not prevent Omaha business men from giving substantial encouragement for the establishment of mills and factories that will provide steady employment for wage workers.

That Nebraska has outgrown certain features of its state constitution is admitted by everybody, but the do-nothing obstructionists, like the Spaniards, say manana whenever a remedy is proposed. In the interval the progress of the state is retarded as by a strait-jacket and the burden of taxation unlightened.

The Woman's club of Vienna has fallen into financial difficulties apparently because it devoted its energies correspondingly benefited." Our Bosmore to educating its members up to ton contemporary urges that having the beauties of whist and 5 o'clock expanded outwardly we cannot rationteas than to the sacredness of the ob- ally overlook the opportunity to exligation to pay club dues promptly. The Vienna women should import a club woman or two from America to potentialities suggested by this vast erly.

ady about 1,000 pension bills have been introduced in congress, which not an unprecedented number at the opening of a session at least shows that the demand for the government's bounty in the form of pensions is far

A FLOOD OF PENSION BILLS.

from being exhausted. It is stated that some of these bills, if they became law, would add about \$100,000,000 a year to the pension expenditures, while If the Buffalo exposition promoters if by any possibility they could all be-

make good their deficit out of the na- revenues of the government to meet tional treasury, they will achieve the the expenditures called for in the bills. One measure directs the secretary of the interior to place on the pension roll the names of all officers, soldiers,

sailors and marines now surviving who were taken prisoners of war by the confederates and provides that such men are to be given a bonus of \$2 for every day of their confinement in confeder-

plant. The provisions of the water works orwhich is to be in addition to any pension they are now receiving. Other one of the appraisers, the water works bills grant pensions to every man who company the second and these two shall enlisted in the civil war, either as a

choose a third, and the valuation fixed soldier or a sailor, no matter whether by a majority of the three shall be ab pauper or millionaire. "In fact," says the solutely binding on all parties. Should Washington correspondent of the Philthe water works company be able to persuade the third member of this arbicuse by which a name could be gotten tration board that the estimated value on the pension list is made use of in put upon their property by their repre-

bills already introduced." In addition, sentative on the arbitration board was there are bills to extend the pension laws so as to include the life saving to pay for the works several millions service and various other branches of more than the amount for which they the government not now included in could be duplicated. any pension laws.

The injunction in no way affected the Of course most of these measures will not become law. Many of them have by condemnation process by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, and the only drawback to such a process is legislation. Doubtless the new conthat the city would have to pay the esgressmen have been most active in this respect. But it is to be expected that in case the works are taken over before enough of them will become law to the expiration of the term, which Mr. increase materially the pension account. Poppleton claims to be in 1906 and the which for the last fiscal year amounted company claims will be in 1908. to over \$142,000,000, with a large number of claims pending at the close of the year. The last congress passed 1.391 special pension acts and from taining Mr. Poppleton's position. On the start already made in introducing the contrary, the injunction has proved bills of this kind it seems safe to asa costly luxury, inasmuch as it has ensume that the present congress will at

legislation.

NOT A SECTIONAL MATTER

The Boston Transcript, referring to that rental by one-third and in addition would have been willing to forego the the president's proposition that the gencollection of all water rental for city eral government should concern itself buildings and parks. in the enterprise of arid land reclama-At the most conservative estimate tion, remarks that the idea is one that

ought to appeal to the patriotism and these reductions would have already public spirit of all American citizens. saved the city more than \$100,000 with "It is not a sectional matter," says the out in the least interfering with the Transcript, "provided we consider it city's right to acquire the water works broadly, for while the states and terri- plant or retarding in any way the extories in which these unproductive periment of municipal ownership. lands are located would acquire new

dignity and importance from the pro-According to the monthly report of posed wholesale schemes of reclama-County Treasurer Elsasser the surplus tion, the rest of the country would be of county funds deposited in the various banks approximates \$110,000, but the taxpayers of Douglas county are not receiving a penny of interest on this deposit, while the funds in the custody pand inwardly, or "rather relieve that of the city treasurer are drawing 2 per cent interest for the benefit of the city immense vacuum and realize the great taxpayers. Why cannot the county show them how to do the thing prop- but now waste territory, by peaceful commissioners take some steps that will

depository law fixes the minimum of in terest on county funds at 3 per cent pany would effectively block municipal does not constitute an absolute bar to the acceptance of any interest, nor does with vocal bombs. matter of fact the injunction procured it justify the loaning of this money

without interest. No treasurer or public officer will be punished for exercising his discretion in the interest of the taxpayers.

In all the contests over police commissions and the exercise of the power home now with orders in his pocket for to remove officers and members of the twelve large freight steamers, which are to fire and police departments the taxpay- be built with American money for Amerers of Omaha have always got the worst | ican owners, but under our antiquated navof it. They have had to pay salaries to igation laws they will have to sail under people who rendered no service for the the British flag and be counted as British benefit of a coterie of lawyers who make and not American vessels.

a specialty of the lucrative practice of lawing for back pay on percentage or commission. These raids upon the city treasury have not been triffing matters discourages hasty action. The job is too

either, for they have run into thousands large to be done at pellmell or taken up and thousands of dollars. The back salpiecemeal. He says "we must not only dinance are that the city shall appoint ary grab is always a tempting mark for understand the existing situation, but avail conscienceless lawyers.

Senator Millard has served notice upon the chairmen of republican county committees in Nebraska that a liberal supply of congressional garden seeds the general government can take up this evidence was admitted on the trial and that will be forwarded to them for free dis- great work of converting millions of acres of arid lands into fertile fields. tribution to all who may desire to plant them where they will do the most good. Chairman Goss, who represents the about right the city might be compelled largest republican constituency in the state, may be expected to establish an experimental station in the Ninth ward. where Christmas trees, sunflowers and elect him. water lilies will hereafter bloom all the

right of the city to acquire the works year round. The privilege of participating in the coronation exercises of King Edward in the capacity of household servants is being eagerly sought by the highest timated value of the unexpired contract scions of British nobility. Of course, the royal carver is no more expected in recent elections where Mr. Bryan into carve anything than the chief butler vested all the strength of his personality to superintend the royal pantry, but the competition is of the keenest just The taxpayers of Omaha, therefore. the same. It is interesting to note have not been benefited in the least by that the identity of the royal bootthe decision of the supreme court susblack has not yet been disclosed.

> An Unpleasant Inspiration Philadelphia Ledger.

abled the company to exact fire hydrant The refusal of the Omaha Jacksonian club to invite him to their annual banquet is rental at \$80 and \$60 a year per hydrant calculated to inspire in David B. Hill's for the remaining period of their conmind a doubt whether he is a democrat tract, when they had offered to reduce after all.

Unique Cracks at Trusts. Indianapolis Journal.

Colonel Moses Wetmore, a successful manufacturer of tobacco in St. Louis, sold out his business to one of the tobacco trusts almost two years ago at a big price. He then started another prosperous tobacco company and joined Mr. Bryan in denouncing trusts. Now comes the report that he has again met the octopus and sold out his company at another exorbitant price. As

Wetmore a costly opponent to get out of the field.

The Undelivered Speeches. Washington Star.

Although this is the long session of con gress no attempt will be made to deliver all itics. those speeches which would appear to have of having an unscrupulous mayor than a menced against the company operating the been delivered. The leave to print will do business at the old stand and the Record cities get as good administrations as they 17 took a ride on this crazy machine and will continue to be the refuge of gentlewant. men with weak lungs, shy nerves, sore throats and hoarseness. If the rule of just shown their ability to do it in New is now in a state hospital. In bringing the "leave to print" could be so enforced as York, so it need not be regarded as imposmeans and at a money cost less than give the county the benefit of interest to strike a balance between the silent and sible elsewhere.

pleasing. But the silent speaker will be eist in committing pious frauds upon his constituents and the vociferous gentleman will continue his efforts to produce rain

How Navigation Laws Work. Philadelphia Ledger.

Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Bryan for Governor.

Chicago Chronicle.

Apparently they think that if he

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his account in other states.

Municipal Home Rale.

Fremont Tribune.

ticket, the Citizens' union printed and dis-Sir Christopher Furness, the great Eng ributed 2,314,000 pieces of campaign literlish shipbuilder, was successful in drumature, at a cost of one-fifth of a cent aplece; ming up a large amount of business during 275,000 Low buttons, 90,000 Low lithohis visit to this country. He is on his way praphs and pasted up 135,000 posters, becost an aggregate of \$4,000,000. They will

like sum went to fourteen newspapers for printing speeches in foreign languages. The regular republican organization used up a barrel or two of printers' ink and the Acorns, an organization of young voters, distributed 3,000,000 political leaflets of the The Irrigation Problem.

warmest kind. While the president advises action he The novelty of a judge reversing himself in court occurred in New York recently, when Judge Hascall criticised a previous ruling. It was in the case of Fred J. Wilson, life saver, in whose favor a judgment for

Metropolis.

the New York municipal campaign. With-

out counting the newspapers, which were

practically unanimous for the winning

ourselves of the best experience of the \$750 damages for false arrest was filed. On a time in the solution of its problems motion for a new trial made by counsel careful study should be made both by Judge Hascall set aside the verdict and the nation and the states of the irrigation granted a new trial on the ground that he laws and conditions here and abroad." When erred in his charge to the jury. "The minthe necessary knowledge has been obtained utes show," he says, "that incompetent

portions of the judge's charge to the jury were unfair to the defendant" Brave man The New York police seem to have at

last awakened to the idea that there is in The populistic end of the democratic party Wall street a fertile field for the exercise of "the eye that never sleeps." The numin Nebraska has a plan to nominate W. J. Bryan for governor and they will try to ber of get-rich-quick schemes that have been perpetrated upon an innocent and largely out-of-town public from that disbe elected governor of that republican state trict in recent months probably surpasses

t would show that the democratic-populistic | even the comprehension of those who might fusion still exhibits signs of vitality and be supposed to be the best informed. Not that Mr. Bryan had not passed out of imeven the widely advertised history of the portance as a commanding figure in na-Miller or "Franklyn syndicate," which cost "investors" so dear, seems to have had tional democratic politics. The trouble the scheme is that Nebraska is an irredeterrent effect upon the out-of-town pub vocable republican state, as has been shown lic. And if supply always equals demand there must indeed be a wonderful demand for wildcat investments of various sorts in the campaigns which resulted in demoright now. The police are tackling the

evil in an energetic fashion, however, and Besides, if it should be shown that Mr. with good results, as the raids and arrests Bryan could carry Nebraska at a presiden- of the past few days abundantly testify tial election (he lost in 1900) it would not. In recent years, due to the general busi be worth while to nominate him for the ness prosperity of the country, Americans sake of saving eight electoral votes from of moderate means have been scarching for his own state with a dead certainty that at profitable investment and have fallen pre

least 100 electoral votes would be lost on to the financial adventurers who have offered fabulous dividends. There are many varieties of these concerns, and "promo ters," pseudo "bankers" and "brokers,

whose ideal financier is Ernest Teral Hooley of international fame, figure among The supreme court has handed down at them. They buy derelict industrial proper opinion, as has been foreshadowed, taking from the mayor and lodging with the govties for a song and "float" them for mill ions. The present wave of wildcat pro ernor the authority to appoint a Fire and moting began with the rush to the Klon Police board at Omaha. This will be cause for a fresh political revolution in the me dike. After the Spanish war came the

boom in copper. Since then "bucket shops, tropolis. It will probably put the present coterie of officers out and a new one in. It "discretionary pools" and "fiscal agents, theme and variation, have prospered by the will be a case of fleeing from ills the people have to others they know not of. On gen- score. The "discretionary pool" scheme eral principles the nearer this appointive seldom falls to draw thousands out of per sons who think that someone else wanted power can be brought to the people the better. If the board is not to be made to make money for them. When the publifor the tobacco trusts they find Colonel elective the power ought to be vested in is not "hiting" at wildcat industrials courthe mayor. This is in harmony with the ageous promoters try them with some se principle of local self-government. There curities sold on the "curb," where all sort are times, of course, when in the interests of myths and outcasts are offered for sale

of good government the authority should not with such success at times that even he in the mayor. Municipal politics is brokers are bitten. likely to be more corrupt than state pol-

A suit for \$50,000 damages has been com There is, therefore, greater danger "loop-the-loop" at Coney island. A girl et had governor. But, as a rule, the people of They at least have it in their own became delirious soon after returning home

hands to correct existing evils. They have A day later her mind gave way, and she chine is directly responsible for her con- The limit of the wonders of 1926?

received with absolute silence. POINTED REMARKS. "

Judge: Jack-You seem afraid to pop the Billy-No; I'm afraid to question "pop."

sides handing around 115,000 pamphlets an-tagonistic to Police Commissioner Devery. Advertising in street cars cost \$2,000 and a

Philadelphia Press: He-No, I don't like She-I suppose that's because he's al-ways anxious to show one how smart

he is He-If he was only anxious to show one He-If he was only anxious to show over the wants to show overybody within hearing.

Brooklyn Life: Bronco Bill-So you lynched th' wreng feller? Rough Rube-Yes. We imagined he was th' feller stole th' hoss, but he wasn't. Bronco Bill-Hub! Yer should be more careful how yer stretch yer imagination.

Chicago Tribune: "Gabriel," said the

Chicago Tribune: "Gabriel," said the doctor's wife, "have you settled yet with Lawyer Sharpe for conducting that case for you in court last year?" "No," said the doctor, "It was about that time, you remember, that I operated on him for appendicitis, and I want to know what his bill is before I make out mine. I suppose he's waiting for the same meason " reason

"Your honor." said Baltimore American:

Baltimore American: "Your bonor," said the fair plaintiff in the diverce proceed-ings, "you will be doing me a very great favor in granting my divorce. You see, when I married him, his red hair harmor-ized beautifully with the decorations of the house; but I have just had it repapered and all the furniture upholstered in green and now he clashes dreadfully."

Philadelphia Press: "He isn't such a gay deceiver as he used to be. There was a time when he called on four or five different girls in one week, "Yes, he's become very economical lately."

conomical? "Yes; Christmas is coming, you know."

Brooklyn Eagle: "I see you have a piece of the foot ball as a memento of the Thanksgiving game, with the date written on it." remarked Mr. Oldfashion. "Piece of the foot ball? Hardly!" ex-claimed Jack Heitback, witheringly. "That's Bob Rusher's right car. There wasn't enough left of the ball at the end with care to put in your eve!" the game to put in your eye

Chicago Tribune: "Doctor," asked the man in search of information, "did you ever understand the celebrated Schleswig-Wolatele question?" Perfectly," answered the venerable pub-

"Then I wish," eagerly rejoined the other, you would tell me what you conceive 'you would tell me what you conceive o be the exact status of the Philippines and Porto Rico under the late supreme ourt decisions."

PAST AND FUTURE.

Somerville Journal A quarter-century ago, we had no teles

And business men were not beguiled by Central's dulcet tonet

rter-century ago, the streets were lit quarter or gas, and none foresaw the

By kerosene or gas, and none foresaw the electric light. A quarter-century ago, the X-ray was un-

shows you now your sekelton in de-That tall, bone by bone a quarter-century ago, the gay antomobile had not been dreamed of, and but few

bestrode the cycle wheel,

bestrode the cycle wheel. A quarter-century ago, no airships had been seen. And the record as a filer stood with poor Earlys Green. A quarter-centure ago, no business firm

out west said: You press the button and we

Had said: You pro-will do the rest. A quarter-century ago, in the schools they bloomed.

to sign of the New Woman on the far And entury ago, in the schools they

horizon loomed. A quarter-entury ago, in the schools they used the birch. And Sundays almost every one dressed up and went to church. In fact, a quarter-century ago, the world was rather slow. Compared with what it is today, and is going to be, you know-And that suggests the question; What prophet now can fax

low can fix