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Notary Public.

From now on the days will again grow longer.

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Omaha still keeps on the right side of the ledger in the clearing house exhibit for the past week.

As between making contributions to Omaha Auditorium, Omaha business men will give the preference to the Auditorium.

Nebraska country papers show gratifying signs of prevailing prosperity that has filled their advertising columns with holiday announcements. The country papers deserve the patronage.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. As a natural consequence of the recent cold shap the ice harvesting is in full blast before Christmas for the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

The Omaha Central Labor union is all torn up over the selection of a member for the new Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. A chase after butterflies in the month of December in this climate would be just about as promis-

Having had the fun of attending the ground-breaking exercises for the coming St. Louis exposition, the Nebraska commissioners will now have to begin figuring where the money is to come from to pay the bills for Nebraska's participation.

The mayor of South Omaha is congratulating himself on being vindicated by the decision of Judge Baker to the effect that the bribery of a city executive is not on all fours with the statute relating to the same offense committed by other officials

Omaha is not threatened with a coal famine, but it is menaced by the greed matter, there was a good chance of dealers, who always find a ready excuse for raising the price of fuel. In this respect they are no worse than the coal dealers of St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City. Down goes the thermometer and up goes the price of coal.

Nebraska real estate dealers can derive good returns from an organized. well-directed effort to attract home seekers. A half million more people residing within the state's boundaries would soon make farm lands worth as much as farm lands in Iowa and the states which they should have known would to the east of us.

One of our local contemporaries, the Western Laborer, wants to know why the franchise grafters who are now brewing a bridge across the river at South Omaha do not build two bridges over the river and thereby make just twice as much. This is a conundrum that can only be answered by the franchise seekers.

According to the latest advices the community of interest magnates have struction of the Nicaragua canal and decreed that the Burlington railroad it can be confidently predicted that the shall be conducted as a department store. To this program The Bee can soon after the reassembling of congress. interpose no objections, provided always that the Burlington department store will advertise as freely as the local department stores.

In an address to a jury in a bribery opinion that every railway and street ments should not be idly made, but, if would bring out a condition which is declaring that perjury was involved in a majority of the litigation and another officer of the court making almost as sweeping charges of another kind, it is no wonder popular faith in the honesty frequently shaken.

BETTER ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORN. It is now up to the Omaha Bee to say that the investigation and report of the officers who checked up the state treasurer in the matter of the school funds is wrong. It is either that or an acknowledgment that The Bee is wrong.-Minden Gazette.

When a public man makes a mistake tillties. he can gain more in the esteem of the public by trying to undo it than by sticking to it. The Bee never charged that the investigation and report of the Bee did not even charge Treasurer of this manipulation of sacred trust resorted tend strongly to inculpate him.

essfully assailed by pettifogging or by exhibit was prepared to meet the untenable assumption that every cent of the school fund reported as "balance on vault at the state house. The exhibit terest in the state depositories is within itself a proof of deception and jugglery. Does it stand to reason that the state treasurer of Nebraska would on any day when his office was open to the public leave his cash drawer without a nickel to make change? Does it stand to reason that the officers who certified to the correctness of the treasurer's figures actually believe that the money they counted as credited to the school fund had never been on deposit in a bank subject to the draft of the treasurer? These state officers certainly could not have been oblivious to the fact brought out by the exposure of the Burt county bond deal that the treasurer has issued checks in the sum of \$80,000 on school money held by Omaha banks.

Why not acknowledge the corn and face the situation as it is? The members of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds were not charged with complicity in the bond deals. In authorizing the treasurer to purchase bonds for the school fund, the board simply sancthe St. Louis exposition and to the tioned the investment of a fixed sum at a fixed rate, leaving the details of the transaction to the treasurer, who was presumed to pursue business methods in their purchase and give the state the benefit of the best bargain. If the treasurer bought the bonds through middlemen, to the detriment of the

state, he alone was responsible. cover up and excuse such transactions that it becomes subject to criticism and distrust. Its course should have been and fireproof auditorium building has to disarm suspicion by taking such been proved to have been sound as well steps as would right the wrong and fix the blame where it justly belongs.

WILL SELL AT ANY PRICE

The Panama Canal company is now willing to dispose of its property to the United States at any price. At a meet ing in Paris Saturday of the directors and shareholders of the company, marked by great excitement, Mr. Hutin, the president, who made a bad mess of the negotiations here with the Isthmian Canal commission and had his scheming exposed by Senator Morgan, resigned. A report was submitted relating to the negotiations for the sale of the Panama canal property and the directors stated that they would give mandatory power to propose a fixed price, which it was hoped will exercise a favorable influence upon the future negotiations.

It seems safe to say that this come too late. Had the Panama company shown a disposition at an earlier time had been straightforward in the of its having accomplished something. Sentiment in this country favorable to the Panama route, if been growing. Then was the opporits property. Its representatives in this country, however, delayed and dallied in Omaha devoted to similar purposes with the matter and finally submitted any more than a comparison of the to the canal commission a proposition not be acceptable. Then came the exposure of Mr. Hutin's course, which quite discouraged the friends of the

Panama route. We think it extremely doubtful if congress will now give consideration to any offer that may come from the Panama company. It let go by its opportunity and in consequence has lost about all the American support it had. No opposition of importance has been recently shown to the bills for the conproposed legislation will be enacted very

THE HOSTILE SOUTHERN REPUBLICS The latest advices regarding the territorial dispute between Chili and Argentina represent the situation as extremely acute, with the chances apparcase a Chicago attorney expressed the ently unfavorable to an amicable set tlement of the controversy. While the railway company in the state made a governments are employing the agencies business of jury-bribing. Such state of diplomacy in seeking an adjustment, popular sentiment in both countries is founded on fact, their verification strongly in favor of war. Chili, it appears, is responsible for the trouble. The truly alarming. With an lowa jurist territory in dispute is occupied by both countries under an agreement that neither party should treat its presence as anything but temporary until an unchanged existing conditions. Chili. and fairness of judicial tribunals is so however, has used its temporary occu-

roads, bridges and tunnels of strategic | tions." The transformation of our sysvalue in case of an attack and it is tem of production has, in its very military preparations for possible hos-

tine republic would probably be more pendently are much greater, the necesserious than South American conflicts commonly are. They are the two imstate officers who checked up the state portant countries of South America treasurer was wrong, but it did charge whose populations are almost wholly of divorce is open to serious question. that the exhibit made by the treasurer European blood. Both have considerand certified to by these officers did not able resources. The area of Argentina explain away the questionable bond is more than three times as great as deals by which the school fund has that of Chili and its arable lands are far been milked for several thousand doi, richer. Chili has very valuable mineral hars for the benefit of speculators. The deposits, but equally important resources of that kind may be developed Stuefer with being a direct beneficiary in the Argentine republic. It is estimated that there are fully 1,000,000 funds, although the peculiar methods persons of foreign birth, mainly Italians and Spaniards, in Argentina, while there The position of The Bee in this re- are probably not to exceed 50,000 in spect is impregnable and cannot be suc- Chilli to offset this powerful element. which by its energy and resourcefulpubbling. While it does not contend bess has rapidly developed the Argenthat the books of the treasurer are in time republic. Its population is about correct, it makes bold to assert that the 5,000,000, while that of Chili is approximately 3,300,000.

This difference in population, however, does not necessarily mean equal hand" has been kept constantly in the disparity in military strength. The Argentine republic could put more soldiers of Mr. Stuefer that shows that every in the field than Chill, but the Chileans penny in all current funds was at the are the most warlike people in South time of the investigation drawing in America and they are inspired by the memory of victories over various foes. The army that Chili could marshal, if less numerous than that of Argentina. would doubtless prove more formidable in war. Still the fighting, if war should come, would doubtless be mainly on the sea, owing to the mountain barrier between the two countries, and in naval strength Chili is somewhat the stronger. besides being more familiar with naval warfare. It is altogether probable, therefore, that the smaller republic would be victorious on the sea.

Chill is not unjustly accused of being a habitual disturber of the peace and in the present case she appears to be clearly in the wrong.

AT THE CROSSROADS.

When The Bee pointed out the obstacles that would have to be overcome by the promoters and managers of the auditorium some eight months ago aud ventured to make suggestions for the modification and improvement of the plans it was at once stigmatized as an as a malicious knocker. The men who resented and pooh-poohed the views expressed by The Bee would, if they were disposed to make the admission, be compelled to confess that the forecast then made was correct and the words of warning uttered were timely. The conclusion reached by this paper that it was absolutely essential that at least It is only when the board seeks to \$100,000 additional subscriptions and donations would have to be raised to

insure the erection of a commodious as its idea concerning the change in the plans, which have since been recast along the lines originally suggested by this paper. It did not require a prophet to foresec that it would be impossible to induce any responsible contractor to erect a

\$200,000 building unless positive assurance was given that the payments for material and labor would be promptly made as the construction of the building progressed. Inasmuch as the com pany had no right to incur a bonded liability there was no prospect of raising any funds by a building loan. That prospect will not be materially improved even by a repeal of the provision in the articles of incorporation which prohibits the concern from incurring a mortgage liability. It is a well known fact that capitalists do not make investments in any considerable amount in building loans unless a sufficient income is assured to guarantee the running expenses, taxes and the interest. to negotiate on a reasonable basis and Will the managers of the auditorium be able to do this? If not, they are not very much nearer the solution of the financial problem than they were six months ago. The sending of a committee to Kansas City to ascertain how the property could be secured at a fair much the Kansas City auditorium has price and all complications removed, had earned since its erection will cut little or no figure with corporations or intunity for the Panama company to have dividuals who are disposed to make proposed, as it was invited to do, the building loans. The earnings of a pubterms upon which it would dispose of lic hall in Kansas City afford no criterion for the earnings of a public hall sacred "free breakfast table" does not in-

> City would be a basis for gauging the earning power of a theater in Omaha. In the end the managers will discover that the money for an auditorium must be raised in Omaha, and, as a matter of safety, the entire amount required for construction and equipment must be subscribed before a contract is let unless we are willing to let the contractor take the grounds, building and money now in sight in satis-

faction of his liens.

One of the fallacies common to statistical discussion is brought out strikingly in a recent article which tries to find a redeeming feature of the increase in increase in the employment of women. The census is cited to show that the number of women in the United States having "gainful occupations" increased from 1,836,288 in 1870 to 2,647,157 in 1880 and to 3,914,571 in 1890, with a probable increase of similar proportions in the census of 1900, when it is finally census as having gainful occupations that women were compelled to labor more for the support of themselves and award was made and should maintain their families in former decades than weeks.

against this apparent infraction of a nature, lengthened the wages list by mutual agreement that Argentina has forcing into mill and factory production protested. Both countries have made which was formerly carried on by piece work or in the home. It is safe to say that, while the opportunities for women to support themselves indesity for such support has become less. Whether this development can be construed as a factor in the increase of

> One of the problems with which the Board of Education will be compelled to grapple is whether the free book system should extend from the kindergarten to the university. While the kindergartens undoubtedly absorb greater amount for the purchase of free picture books and pianos, it is a serious question whether the free book distribution in the High school is not carrying free education altogether too far. In view of the fact that but a very small percentage of the graduates of the High school represent the poorer classes, it is to the board for every cent of money he a question whether it is not doing altogether too much to carry the free gift school book system through to the High school classes. The important question is; Will the School Book trust permit paid the defalcation. Mr. Gaffin was a great us to economize in this direction?

The head organ of Nebraska populists professes great astonishment at the report that Henry C. Payne, who is to be the new postmaster general, favors government ownership of telegraphs and telephones. Why should there be anything astonishing in that if true? Several republican postmaster generals have favored the postal telegraph, most notably General Creswell and John Wanamaker, who urged it repeatedly upon congress. On the other hand, we do not recall any democratic postmaster general who championed governhave a postal telegraph system, but the only encouragement comes from republican postal authorities.

Senator Allison has presented to congress a lengthy petition from citizens of listing of employes by corporate employers. It is a question whether consubject, although it could, doubtless, pass such a law applicable in the District of Columbia and in the organized and unorganized territories. Blacklistwrong both in practice and in principle. But the boycott on the part of employes is based on the same principle and should be barred at the same time. stitutions.

The breakdown in the British tele graph system on account of the recent storms has brought out an urgent deernment, which operates the telegraph, business world cites as an answer the loss of over \$1,000,000 in business for this one storm alone in addition to the cost of repairs. The time will undoubtedly come when all the wires, if not made unnecessary in the interval, will be placed beyond danger of interruption by storm, but in this country of magnificent

distances it is still a long way off. At the assessments placed upon them several local franchised corporations are annual net earnings. How would owners of improved real estate like to have their assessments brought down below the yearly rental collections for taxation purposes?

Another Kind of Democrat. Indianapolis News.

The three Louisiana democrats that voted with the republicans for the Philippine tariff bill constitute another kind of dem ocrats. What a Juley Prospect!

Washington Post.

The spectacle of a Vanderbilt running for congress against a Belmont would be a fine thing for the Amalgamated Association of Political Wire and Leg Pullers.

Effect of a Boundary Line. Louisville Courier-Journal. The price of beef continues to climb in

the United States, but in Canada the ranchmen are complaining that they can get only 34 cents a pound for fine cattle. Our clude steak. Better Go Slow. Springfield Republican.

earning power of a theater in Kansas The proposed Pacific cable may be worth less in ten years, in view of the progress wireless telegraphy is making. A wireless system perfected would do all the work at infinitely less expense. At Hawaii and Guam relay stations could be established in sending messages across the Pacific, if the jump from the golden gate to West Luzon were too much for the wireless sys-

The Country in Clover.

Minneapolis Times. Agriculture is in a decidedly flourishing ondition just now. The corn yield was greatly reduced by the drouth, but there was a good wheat crop and the scarcity of corn helped to keep up the price of the lady receiving it and sold at auction for other cereal. Hogs have commanded high \$50. prices this winter and the same is true of cattle. Farm lands everywhere are increasdivorces in its correspondence with the ing in value and especially is this the case in the northwest.

Potatoes from Abroad New York Sun. For the past few weeks probably four fifths of the potatoes reaching New York City for consumption have come from Europe. That America should be a buyer of trans-Atlantic potatoes seems pretty strange to the private consumer, and even tabulated. The inference is that women these on the inside of the potato market adwho have not been enumerated in the mit that it is rather odd. Not for eight years had this country bought potatoes have not been contributing to their own steamer Southwark arrived last Saturday support, when the facts would point in from Antwerp with 90,000 bushels, the precisely the opposite direction-namely, Vaderland is expected today or tomorrow with 60,000 barrels and the Laurentian from Glasgow in a day or two with 20,000 bushels. This has been going on for about three The potatoes come from Scotland they do now. In our census only those Ireland and Belgium. The potate crop in women who are working for wages are these countries has been particularly good and encouraged to come and take the best pation of the territory to construct returned as having "gainful occupa- has had for many years.

BRIEF BITS OF NEBRASKA POLITICS.

Wayne Herald (rep.): It now looks ver much as though Norfolk would lose the asy lum, or in other words, the establishmen will not be rebuilt. In the event that it is no it will be a direct slap at north Nebraska which has become very much the backbon of the state. However, when the next leg islature convenes there will be a storm of protest go up from the North Platte country that will be heard throughout the length and breadth of the state.

Tekamah Herald (rep.): The Bond Surery company this week made good the shortage of J. N. Gaffin, former state oil inspector. who was short in his accounts on settlement when he went out of office, by paying the money into the state treasury on the mand of Attorney General Prout. Mr. Gaffin was prominent in fusion politics. He was speaker of the house in the 1897 session. All defaulters are not of the same political faith. No party has a corner on honesty.

Rushville Recorder (rep.): Governor Sav age must take the people of Nebraska for a lot of suckers if he thinks the statement of the Board of Educational Lands and Buildings, of which he is a member, disposes of the Stuefer bond deals. Why, bless your sox, it don't even mention them, but merely says Stuefer is honest and has accounted has. That's all right, but what about the school money he ought to have and hasn't York Times: The security company

that signed J. N. Gaffin's bond as state oil inspector has settled with the state and leader of the fusion hosts. He was speaker of the house of representatives and was one of the committee who paid \$30,000, the exact amount of the appropriation, for the wheezy old steam engine and few tools that the contractor had at the penitentiary, Will Porter do as he did, or will he pay it him-

Western Laborer: David the baby kisser, "Our Dave," has introduced a bill in congress to macadamize the military road between Omaha and Fort Crook, the expense of grading to be borne by Douglas county. Tom Blackburn is letting a good thing slip if he fails to secure a franchise for one of those hot air street car lines of his. He had better hurry up, as Dave contemplates introducing a bill for the building of a road from earth to the moon on ment-owned telegraphs. We ought to the route surveyed by Jules Verne. Hurry up, Tom, Dave is going to open up many good chances for you-to help him hold his

Rushville Recorder (rep.): The most un satisfactory part of Auditor Weston's semiannual statement is the little matter of the state's indebtedness of over \$2,000,000. lows asking for a law against the black. It looks as though there was an item here demanding the immediate attention of the legislature, and they should strive by every that the older universities may well envy lawful means to inaugurate some reforms gress has full jurisdiction over this or retrenchments that will keep the state's indebtedness somewhere within the limits of the constitution. If the demands of the state have outgrown the limits of the constitution, then it ought to be amended. If our state motto is equality before the law enemy of the enterprise and denounced ing should be made illegal because it is it certainly ought to be our pride to live up to the law.

South Omaha Independent: Editor Rose Both the boycott and the blacklist are of the treasurer have been investigated and are similar. repugnant to the spirit of our free in- every cent of the state's money has been of Mr. Edward Rosewater. What the people of Nebraska want to know is why Mr. Stuefer bought the Otoe and Burt county mand that all telegraph and telephone bonds from middlemen at 3% per cent, when wires be placed under ground beyond by dealing direct they could have been Preparation for life means preparation for the reach of storm damage. The gov- bought at 4½ per cent. Tell us, Mr. Stuefer, into whose pocket the 1 per cent graft went. Governor Savage evidently failed to discover objects on account of the cost and the this fact when he made his investigation.

CIVIL SERVICE IN BUSINESS.

Growth of the Merit System in Lines of Industry. Kansas City Journal.

One of the most important steps in the direction of closer relations between capital and labor is that just taken by the Steel trust, which has adopted the civil service idea in its dealings with its 2,000 employee on its lake steamship lines. The presumption is that this is but the forerunner of Civil service

similar action in connection with the tens enterprises of the trust. practice, of course, obtains in a modified form in the business world, to such an extent that the contrast between conduct of private and public business is proverbial Other things being equal, the tenure of position in ordinary business enterprises de pends upon fidelity and competency to a far greater degree than positions in political offices. Discharges are usually made for cause rather than on account of a change in officials at the head of the concern. It is fashionable among political demagogues to say that the employe has to vote with the corporation for which he works. But the fact remains that interference with private political belief is very rare and that the business man does not care what views are held by his employes, unless they constitute a direct attack upon his interests, and indirectly, upon their own interests.

But this conspicuous endorsement and application of the civil service idea must have a good influence. It is co-operation in a certain form and the feeling of stability on the part of the employe must be an in centive toward a closer relationship with the employer and the recognition of the interdependence of interests. It is along these lines that capital and labor must approach each other if they are ever to cease to maintain their present attitude of hos tility and distrust on the one hand and in difference and selfishness on the other.

PERSONAL NOTES.

naval heroes but trouble.

The Captain of Colon seems to know what hit him. Now the Hobson romance appears to be nipped in the bud. Nothing lasts with our

The consensus of British opinion on th Hay-Pauncefote treaty appears to be that they didn't want the bloomin' canal, anyway. A check for \$10, given by President Roose

velt in aid of the Washington Newsboys' home at a bazar last week, was framed by A Brooklyn jury has awarded \$8,500 to

woman who incurred a stiff finger as the

result of a railway collision. The company

ought to be thankful her whole hand wasn't stiffened. Thomas W. Marchment, who died recently in Philadelphia, bequeathed \$18,000 to the Humane society of that city, the proceeds to be used in giving prizes for exceptional bravery or life-saving at floods

and fires. At Brunswick, Me., lives the printer who did all the typesetting and presswork on Longfellow's "Outre-Mer; or, Tales of the Sea," the first novel the great poet wrote. He is Theodore McLellan, now 21 years of

age. The duke of Argyll has placed with a New York real estate firm the sole agency on this side of the ocean for the leasing of his eastle at Inversey, in Argyllshire, Scotland. and for the sale of Tiree island, off the coast of Scotland, near the Isles of Mull and Iona. Thus is the American invader invited and the crop here the worst this country in Britain-palace, deer park, game and

fishing.

THOROUGHBREDS OF THE WEST

Broadening Influence of Prairie Ozone and Prairie Spirit.

Francis Bellamy in Saturday Evening Post Young men go west for business and young men have gone east for their education. That has been the drift, and it still seems to be a natural tendency, equable for the extremes and salutary for the whole country. The conservatism of the oldest ommunities goes to settle in the newest camp, and reciprocally the sharp wits of western-bred youth go to get their polish in eastern colleges and eastern contact.

Though conservatism often seems broken up in the swirl of western enterprise, it is usually a tenacious influence. If the eastern boy stays west he keeps alive a host of fancies about the east that become an object of cult to him and his family. If. after a business experience there, he goes back east to live, he is bolder and broader

Likewise, when the boy from the west has finished long courses of study in the cert it may be assumed that for him as an individual a finer equilibrium has been gained. If he returns to mine or ranch or stirring town he carries with him something more than the impulse of enterprise. The change must certainly have rescued signs of bare prosperity, for he has felt the gentle forces of tradition and of inherited culture. These are happy sectional exchanges which have been made because of the inadequacy of each part to take care wholly of its own young stock.

But conditions are changling, at least those pertaining to a liberal education in the west, and the change is affecting the flow of student life. Beyond the Mississippt increasing numbers to their own state universities. Moreover, for their professional degrees they are quite as likely to be drawn to Stanford or to California on the Pacific coast as to Harvard on the Atlantic. Or, if they look eastward at all, it may be no farther than Chicago.

What results from this rather new tendency is a new product in the types of educated youth-a thoroughbred of the west, sirable selections, as often happens in an untouched, except indirectly, by eastern influence.

The reasons why a boy does well to travel far to an old university are familiar. What are the reasons why he may do better to keep to his own section of the country for his studies, as well as for the chances of business? To be sure, the two new-rich universities

which bound the west have added vastly to its educational prestige. Money lavishly used has provided houses and equipment at their bicentennials, and it has burried a little good humor and politeness will trained instructors to fill the new chairs. permeate a crowd and how a little pleasant all or half of the work. State universities And the harassed, wearied, tormented, also are growing in popularity. This is because they are very thoroughgoing in- largest measure of patience, forbearance, stitutions. It is also because boys like to tolerance and kindliness from the ideal which may benefit them throughout life. It cutting reproof will add to the burdens that is also because there is an increasing feel- the immense volume of holiday business inwater is still after State Treasurer Stuefer ing that boys born and raised in the west evitably brings in its train. in regard to the Otoe and Burt county bond are in better training for their future deals. Governor Savage says that the books there if they matriculate where conditions

The new motto is, "A western education than taken. accounted for and he considers the matter for a western boy," just as it is more settled. We hardly agree with the governor broadly declared that an American boy on this issue, and commend the attitude needs an American education from start to finish, and that a business man needs to begin as a boy in the counting room. There is some narrowness in these generalizations, but there is also much force. work, in this country at least, and that preparation which fits conditions is the best. If it puts a man out of joint with his work it is a misfortune, a positive handicap in his race for success, even

though such preparation is obtained in the best or oldest universities. GIFTS TO EDUCATION.

Millions for Mind-Training in the

Higher Levels.

Philadelphia Press. The year 1961 will be the banner year for gifts to education. It was thought that the record of the year 1899 would long remain unsurpassed. In that year about \$55,000,000 to pay taxes on less than their actual of thousands of men employed in the various were given to education. Last year the sum reached over \$35,000,000. But much more than either of these sums will be given before 1901 closes. The total will probably be over \$75,000,000.

The largest of all the gifts recorded this year is the one made by Mrs. Jane L. Stanford to the Leland Stanford university in California. That is a direct gift of \$15,000, 000, representing the accumulation since the death of her husband, the late Senator Stanford. It is in addition to gifts he made himself during his lifetime, and will increase the total value of the property and endowment of the Stanford university to about \$30,000,000. The next gift to education in size is Mr. Carnegie's donation of \$10,000,000 to found a great institution for research and higher education at Washington. And if Mr. Rockefeller has really given \$5,000,000 to endow a law school in connection with the University of Chicago he will rank third in the list of 1901 givers

to education. These three gifts aggregate \$39,000,000. But there are many other large and small gifts for the same purpose which will foot up to even a larger figure. It is reported from Boston that the Simmons fortune, amounting to \$2,500,000, is now available for the establishment of a technological school for women to be known as Simmons college. Clark university in Worcester is also to be enriched by the fortune left by its founder. dowment, which was \$2,900,000. Other gifts to New England universities in 1901 are a second \$1,000,000 to Brown university in Provided, always, that it met the congre-Providence, nearly \$1,000,000 to Yale university in New Haven and \$100,000 to Weseyan university in Middletown, Conn. About \$5,800,000 of the \$20,000,000 thank offering, of which \$15,000,000 is already raised by the Methodist church, will go to

These great gifts, with numerous smaller nes, will make up a phenomenal total for Pine apples, pickallill, prunes, peaches, 1901. They are significant proofs of the great prosperity of the country and of the Brown bread and buns and bacon and eagerness of men of wealth to use their abundance to advance the cause of educaon. These great gifts give promise of the With tion. These great gifts give promise of the continued commercial and manufacturing supremacy of this country, a supremacy which can only be maintained on the basis. He puld the price and, rising up, ambled of an intellectual supremacy. No other country can show such gifts and no other country will reap such benefits during the new century, whose first year is marked by But when such noble generosity.

the educational institutions of that denom-

Going Back to Ancient Work.

New York Tribune, The greatest of American railroads are earing down many of their metal bridges

and building in place of them stone arches. That stood upon his stomach and trod upon which will not rust, which will have no need of the ages. That is a notable going back to the best work of ancient days. The Roman arch in its noblest form, with its sound, strong lines, with the imperishable rock from foundation to keystone, was a model for all time. In direct contents the content where the strong ahead would slip just that much back. model for all time. In dignity, in steadfast-ness, in calm, serene disregard of the ness, in calm, serene disregard of the unstable, the Roman arch has known no superior.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

A Banch of Seasonable Suggestions on the Problem of the Year.

Baltimore America Now is the time when all the o and civilization one possesses is but to one grand test in Christmas shopping who has met successfully the cause to congratulate herself -men out of the question as shoppers one own ing principles of the very stundent bind, As a rule, all the base and unseemly passtons of human nature seem to let themselves home in holiday shopping. Good temper, good some and good taste are lost in the general crusts and the joy of the holiday season is heavily handleapped by

this preliminary form of corture. The shopping scanon has already begun, and the wise woman will avail herself of its early advantages. Onl from now on the pressure will increase until it is at fever height. This in theif is not a thing to be deplored. Crowds so the streets, fairly flooding the stores are grantfying proofs that prosperity is upon the last and that the majority are going to happy Christmas and an encouragine new year. But comfort and crowds are turnly synonymous, and to minimize the dangers and discomforts of shopping some points are to be considered.

In the first place, the wary sho him from overweening confidence in the reflect that a clever man, whether for good or ill, always watches out and seizes his opportunities, and that her purse or watch or ornament will be the expertunity to be seized by the clever pickpocket who sees his harvest in incautious crawds. She will take measures against louses of this kind, and if she is conscientions as well as prudent, she will increase her care in protecting her valuables by reflecting that she has no moral right to expose anyone to the boys who possess talent, those having temptation, especially at a time when all ample means, are now beginning to go in want a little more than usual, and when temptation is abnormally increased.

In the next place she will map out her plan of campaign and decide as nearly as possible on what she wants, so that her shopping may be done quickly and systematically, and that she may not be form by contending desires when the press of work will likely catch her up in its maelstrom and hurl her on to the least doembarrassment of riches. thereby lessen her enjoyment of the various things to be seen, but will, on the contrary, secure more lemure for this enjoyment, for her purchases will be safely packed and her mind at ease concerning them.

Certainly she will not forget that she ewes consideration to other shoppers that she must be prepared to give way when necessary to wait her turn patiently, and to do her share to lessen the unavoidable friction of the time. It is wonderful how But these great institutions are not doing endurance will mitigate most shopping ills, overdriven salespeople will receive the continue associations already begun and shopper, and no harsh word from her or

This is the advice which goes with the the season as regularly as the latter comes around and which, alas! is oftener shaken

FLASHES OF FUN.

Somerville Journal: Flattering Canvas-er-Are you the head of the house, Mary-No, I am only one of the hands, Detroit Free Press: "Pve been standing in a tack for the last hour," said Snaggs, is he removed his hoe.
"It is discouraging when the tron en-

ters one's sole," added Spiffins. Brooklyn Eagle—But I thought you said it would be unnecessary to remove Mr. Loggreen's appendix? Dr. Sawbenes—But I need to buy an

Washington Star: 'Did you look at both sides of his argument?
"I did," answered Senator Sorghum, "As soon as he handed me a check i turned it over to see that it was properly endorsed."

Yonkers Statesman: Patience-I hear women refer to some women as stout some as fat; where do they draw Patrice-Why, if the woman in question

a friend, she's stout, if she used to be friend, she's fat Chicago Tribune: Dealer—A couple of furnaces of this size will heat the building well enough in mild weather, but your tenants will kick when there comes a cold

Owner (of flat)-When there comes a cold snap the tenants will kick anyhow Those two furnaces will do, I guess Philadelphia Press: "Henry," his wife hispered, "there's a burglar downstairs the diningroom. I just heard him rat-

tiling the sliver."
"Well," he replied, sleeplly, "it's your "Listen! That sounds as if he was sampling that decenter of whisky."
"Gee whizz! Wait till I get my revolver."

Detroit Free Press: Mrs. Dash-The idea. roll Free Fress: Ars. Dash—The idea rs. Rash having society aspirations; her father was a huckster. Dash—Yes; she's entirely too for-She ought to hang back until pec-ave forgotten it. Now, in our case, ple have forgotten it. Now, in our my dear, it was your grandfather was a huckster.

HIS CHRISTMAS FEAST.

All day the salesman scurried and faltered not a speck;
Yea, qualled not, like the boy upon the burning deck.
All day he danced attendance and felt his chilbiains sting.

And showed the women dry goods who never bought a thing.
So when the shades of eve descended round about that store Tis easy to imagine he was hungry, lame It seems there was a "rummage" sale pr This will more than double the original en- Connected with a supper to draw the hungry there, And raise the preacher's salary, to change

> gation's views To eat the girls invited him, and as he He stopped to sample their cuisine and revel in a smile. sed ham sandwiches and At first the At first they passed has oyster soup in bow And then came lobster And then came lobster salad, some turk and cornmeal rolls. Ram, lamb and sheep and mutton and pork weish rarebit, deviled eggs, fricassee and

> weinerwurst, homegrown, re ple in squares and s angelfood and sauce, a edibles—past mentionin ares and sections and Mince mentioning-which he exhaustive effort his sleeping When with as the saying is-he was too speech, donned his "nighty" and laid him down to rest. Expecting that his sleep would be the slumof the blest, old-fashioned nightmare came The old. And gave him the dyspepsia and his visions He saw web-footed women and dreamed of

its corns. cwisted, kinked and doubled him and

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