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the Mormon religious organization.

If all those deputies on the state pay

roll were dropped what would become

of the people of Nebraska? How could

the laboring men labor without a deputy

labor commissioner? What would the

horses and mules do without a deputy

state veterinarian? What would the

rabbits and prairie chickens do without

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Net average sales. .. 30,755 GEO. B. TZSCHUCK. d in my presence and sworn this 10th day of November, M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. Subscribed before : D. 1903. (Seal.)

And has Judge Kohlsast, too, joined the Dowieltes?

Whenever women's clubs find sessions dragging they tackle the member from Utah.

It looks as if the Omaha postoffice plum might not get into the Christmas pudding this time.

No one is encountering any trouble in perpetrated, not only in the dense cenidentifying the present bit of winter as ters of population, but throughout the a sample of the real thing.

If ex-Governor Savage is liable for of the United States have no title what-Colby's alleged shortage why not call ever to that right and are asserting and ever, affect the deputies employed by on Joe Bartley to make it good?

Nebraska has secured a position of clerk in the senate postoffice at Washington, Small favors thankfully received.

ment to interest-intelligent labor in its after the fashion of the senators and FARMERS WITH CHAMBERLAIS. It appears that Mr. Chamberiain has work and to this end its investigations representatives from lowa. Unfortusuccessed in winning over to his policy must be impartial and trustworthy. nately, however, the suggestion comes Secretary Cortelyou says that to be of just at a time when the Iowa delegation a portion at least of the agricultural producers of the United Kingdom. The service to those interests which it was is indefinitely deadlocked in a vain enfarmers who constitute the membership created to care for the department deavor to agree on a satisfactory candidate for the federal district bench, so of a national association, who are said should have their hearty co-operation to be thoroughly representative of the and support and doubtless it will have that its example is not overly inspiring.

agricultural interests of the kingdom, at no difficulty in securing this. In regard meetings, recently held discussed the to the principles which must govern the administration of the department the resubject of fiscal reform and adopted a resolution favorable to the Chamberlain port says: "It must be progressive, but at the same time conservative. It must proposals as being necessary to the welnot deviate in its course from the pathfare of the farmers. This seems to be way of justice, strict and impartial. It an important gain for the cause chammust be nonpartisan in the highest and pioned by the former colonial secretary broadest sense. It must recognize no and it is not surprising that the agriculdistinction as between large and small tural producers should go to him. The cardinal feature of his policy is a tax on interests, as between the affluent or food stuffs, except such as are imported powerful and the humblest citizen." With these principles strictly observed from the British colonies, and the farmit is not to be doubted that the Depart ers of the United Kingdom of course unment of Commerce and Labor will bederstand that their products would probcome of great service to the industrial ably increase in price to the extent of and commercial interests of the nation. the tax or nearly so. This would not

mean very much for them, for Mr. UNCONSTITUTIONAL DEPUTIES TO THE Chamberiain does not contemplate a very high tax, but the British farmers Is the governor of Nebraska liable for generally are not particularly prosperous moneys stolen or property unlawfully and therefore will welcome anything that promises to improve, however slightly, their condition.

appropriated by any state official or em- the protection of the deputy game ploye appointed by him under the title of "deputy?" That question has been The question that naturally suggests raised at the state capital since the itself is how this attitude of the farmers. alleged shortage of ex-Adjutant General taken in expectation of higher prices for Colby has become a matter of public

discussion. While the Colby deficit is sumers and especially the working not chargeable to Governor Mickey classes. Among the latter Mr. Chamberdirectly or indirectly and no appointee of lain has many supporters, whom he Governor Mickey who draws pay from seems to have persuaded that under the the state treasury under the title of operation of his policy they would have "deputy" has been charged with peculato pay little if anything more for foodtion, the question comes home to Govstuffs than at present. May they not see ernor Mickey because of the bearing it some incompatability between this as-

GOVERNOR

would have upon him and his sureties in case any member of his staff of deputies should turn up in default. The question raised by the Colby incident forcibly directs public attention also to the fact that the commissions

other executive offices than those

enumerated by the constitution. This

British consumers. held by officers calling themselves depu-However, it appears evident that the ties of the governor are in conflict with Chamberiain cause is making progress the plain letter of the constitution, which and that there is good promise of its expressly prohibits the creation of any being successful.

NATURALIZATION FRAUDS.

surance and the favorable view of the

fiscal reform policy taken by the agri-

cultural producers? Manifestly if the

British farmers are to profit by that

policy it must be at the expense of the

includes the governor's deputy labor Not for the first time is the attention commissioner, deputy oil inspector, of congress called by the president and deputy game warden, deputy state the attorney general to naturalization veterinarian and half a dozen other frauds, which are far more numerous deputies appointed by the governor to than is commonly supposed, and an perform executive functions. It will be earnest recommendation made for reme remembered that the secretaries of the dial legislation. The president states former State Board of Transportation, that forgeries and perjuries of shameacting as ratiroad commissioners as less and flagrant character have been deputies to the governor, the auditor

and the secretary of state, were deposed by a decision of the state supreme court doubt that very many so-called citizens pointment of deputies to the state execuive officers. This decision did not, howenjoying the benefits of 'the same executive officers to perform functions through the grossest frauds," Such a connected with their respective offices,

statement should certainly command the such as the deputy auditor, deputy comearnest consideration of the national missioner of public lands and buildings, law makers, for as the president further deputy treasurer and deputy secretary BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched Measure Designed to Place Them on the Pension Roll. on the Spot.

Postmaster General Payne has thrown a arpoon into a bunch of fakirs who hav been using the mails to enlarge their graft Isaac Walton, a colored minister, was first on the list of fraud orders issued by the department. Isaac made use of the mail to secure subscriptions from the colored The senate committee on privileges men and women of the south on the plea and elections will investigate the oath that he was to use the funds to obtain exacted by the Mormon church of Apos the passage of a bill in congress to pension tle Reed Smoot with a view to determine ex-slaves. This scheme is as old as the whether it conflicts with the oath he hills and has caused half a dozen persons to be barred from the use of the malls. took as United States senator. The Mamie Graham of Green Forest, Ark. church authorities might take the hint an no longer have the benefit of the and appoint a special committee to re-United States mails for the purpose to port whether the oath taken by Apostle which she has been devoting them for the Smoot for admission to the senate conpast two or three years. She started by travenes his obligations as an officer of

writing one letter to a woman interested charitable work. It is claimed that years those of suffering and disability. she represented that she was blind and They are as much entitled to a nation's gratitude as the man with a gup on the poor, and that she would feel comforted for the balance of her days if she posfiring line. In some respects, sessed a plano. She appealed to her cottespondent to send to her a nickel, and i lso to write three letters to three friends, asking each to remit 5 cents to the blind It was customary to run an insulated wire girl and to send three more letters on the behind the line of battle, and thus officers It is alleged that she has been could communicate readily with the WRY. doing this for three years, and that she not only got enough nickels to buy a piano, but also to build a house about the plano Postmaster General Payne yesterday de-cided to bar her from the use of the saptured and sent to southern prisons. mails.

J. Pierpont Morgan refuses to define One of the fake schemes that sprung up his attitude as yet on the various aspl with the St. Louis fair has been nipped in rants for presidential preferment. The the bud by the Postoffice department. It lasted only a month or so, but gave signs | equally worthy. Congress has done a good proprietors. following, was published in various parts a certificate from the secretary of war, of the country: "Wanted, for the St. This is a beautiful piece of work, but it is Louis fair, walters, bartenders, clerks and not a dividend payer. It must be hard good all round men; good money to hust- for the old telegrapher, broken down in lers; car fare paid to St. Louis." Those health and unable to work at his business. who answered the ad, were led to be- to suffer for the necessaries of life, while lleve that the employment agency was his neighbor, who enlisted and perhaps inder the management of the St. Louis never smelled the smoke of battle or went Exposition company. They were told to into any danger, has a very comfortable remit \$5 and that railroad fare to St. Louis would be forwarded at once, and that on arriving at the latter place a good position would be found for the applicant. When the \$5 was remitted the correspondence would suddenly end. Those who bit at the scheme complained to the postal authorities, and a fraud order was last week issued against the concern. The Federal Remedy company of New York will also be barred from the use of the mails. The concern advertised

> set to any person selling a small amount of its medicine. Complaints against the company began to drift into the department and a fraud order was issued.

New York Evening Post writes that "the irrigation melon" has occasioned a lively dispute as to the manner in which it should be cut. Senator McCumber of North Dakota leads off with a bill designed to justify the fears of the opponents of federal aid on so stupendous a scale. Mc-Cumber wants to restrain the secretary of the interior from proceeding according to his safe and wholesome plans, which treat the problem as a national one, and makes the disburgements where they will do the most good, respecting only in a general way the theory of disbursement by states. But as much of the public lands now sold for homesteaders are in the Dakotas and in Washington, there has arisen a clamor

size and magnificence. The new White Star liner Balbie is so big that its displace-

MILITARY TELEGRAPHERS. WHO OWNS THE PRESCRIPTION.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

upposed faced them.

An Old Question Reopened by a Pugnacious Druggist. .

Chicago Record-Herald.

The measure proposed by Senator Penrose The ruling of a New York magistrate whereby military telegraphers who served that a physician's prescription belongs to in action in the civil war may be placed the person who buys it and not to the drogon the penasion roll where disabilities are gist who fills it reopens an old and much debated question. While the magistrate setsuch as apply to rank and file is one that has long been urged and which deserves tied the particular controversy between enactment. If we are to be liberal in our the Gotham druggist and his customer, it treatment of those who risked their lives does not follow that all druggists accept it for the nation we ought not to discrimas a finality. This particular druggist, ininate. There are many men on the pension deed, was threatened with imprisonment roll who never were in a battle. They did, for larceny before he finally concluded to however, offer themselves for slaughter, give up the prescription demanded by his and at enlistment took the risk which they customer.

The question of ownership of a prescrip The military telegraphers were in the tion would seem so very simple to the mind thick of battle, many were killed, others of the layman as to require no ruling from were wounded, and still others caught a court of equity. A prescription is certhose diseases which make their declining tainly the property of the person who buys It of a physician, and whether a druggist may be permitted even to retain a copy of it is obviously a question for the owner of they are It to decide. As a matter of safe practice more deserving, since they had positions the owner should always demand a copy of great danger, and on their bravery and of his prescription if he does not retain the abilities many important events turned. original copy. It may turn out to be a prescription of great value, and the druggist, of course, has no right to it, and few Greekgists, indeed, claim such a right.

superiors. It often happened that a The same principle has been held to apply retreat or change of position left these to photographic negatives. When a person operators at the front and many were pays the photographer's price for a negative it is his property. If he cares to do

so he has a right to take the negative There are those who think that the away with him and make his own prints pension roll is long enough and that many indeserving persons are on it. Even if from it. As a matter of custom and convenience, however, the photographer is perthis is so, and we doubt if the situation is anything like so bad as is claimed, there mitted to store the negative where it may should be no discrimination between the be easily found when new prints are desired from it. It is very clear that the of being a veritable gold mine for the many things for the soldier, but the teleg- photographer has no proprietary right in a An ad, something like the rapher has so far received nothing but negative which some other person bought. war.

A SMILE OR TWO.

Ethel-So Edith has finally caught the obleman she was trying to hook? Marjory-Yes, she said in her last letter hat he belonged to the landed gentry.-Yale Rec ord.

She-We'll have to remember that old ash man this Christmas. What shall we give

He-Don't bother about him. He'll get the box of cigars you're going to buy for me.-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Wouldn't you enjoy your dinner more it "No," answered Meandering Mike. "I wouldn't t'ink of intrudin' any mercenary consideration into dis season of hospitality ah' good cheer."-Washington Star.

"Don't you think your personal business is responsible for a great deal of lost time in your official capacity?" "My dear sir." answered Senator Sor-ghum, "I have always found that it is easter to make up for lost time than it is for lost money."-Washington Star.

Prosecuting Attorney-Was the prisoner in the habit of singing when he was alone? Pat McGuire (witness)-Shure, an' I can't say, for Ol was niver with him when he was alone.-Chicago Journal.

Tom-De you believe in music at dinner? Dick-Well. I've sometimes encountered beefsteaks that needed a Wagner-back-ground-Detroit Free Press.

"Brooks," said Bivers, "look at that cane Upgardson carries." What's peculiar about it?" asked

"What's peculiar about it?" "It's a deadly weapon-that's all." "Sword?" "Worse than that." "Rifle?" "Worse than that," said Rivers, "Worse than that," said Rivers, in an agitated voice. "It's a flute."--Chicago

Fribune.

A BALLAD,

New York Sun. The Piaintiff was a homely maid Of forty years, or more. A trolley car, it ran her down, Ard she, of course, was sore.

Eleven thousand men have been dropped from the army this year. The Only Divorce Preventive. New York Sun. Divorce is not likely to be prevented diminished in frequency except by a religious conscience to which divorce is sinful. Overwhelming American public sentiment as expressed in laws is in favor o it, and fashionable practice is on the same

Let Democrats Sleep On.

Sop for the Antis.

Chicago Tribune.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The secretary of the treasury estimates that the national expenditures will increase \$35,000,000 during the next fiscal year. No considerable surplus is now in sight to disturb the democratic party, which always country, "and it is established beyond that declared unconstitutional the ap- frets when the income is greater than the outgo.

Danger in Grabbing. Philadelphia Record.

Members of congress proposing to take the constructive mileage would do well to keep their hands off it until the last day of the term. Strangely enough, the people of this country still have a lingering prejudice against official, grabbing of money without the shadow of a pretense of earn-

great Mr. Morgan, like another great Wall street financier of other days, is not particular about party affiliations. He wants to wait till he feels sure The chairman of the republican state committee has just been appointed to a incrative federal position in recognition of the services rendered the party. In some other states we know of, the rule

seems too often to be "least service-Anti-imperialism ought to feel easier

Robbers burgiarized a smallpox hospital at Fort Wayne. It is almost certain that The Washington correspondent of the

for the definite disbursement of money according to state lines. Under the McCumber bill, the secretary

cause immediate censation of reclamation

work in Arizona, where construction has

alfeady begun on one of the largest irriga-

the president found a quarter on the floor.

Secretary Hitchcock counted his money.

"Strange to say," he announced, "I have

"Is it yours, Cortelyou?" asked the presi-

"No, sir." said the secretary of com-

"How about you, Knox?" asked the pres-

ident, holding up the silver between thumb

just as much as I had when I came in."

"Who lost a quarter?" he asked,

"I didn't." said Secretary Hay.

which it was derived."

paced by Senator Morgan of Alabama. Senator Cockrell of Missouri finds his chief relaxation in duplicate whist. The senator has half a dozen friends who can always be depended upon to make up a

table. Ocean steamships continue to grow i

ment would cause a disastrous overflow

The services of the telegraphers in the civil war were so great that a corps has since been attached to the army, which is

that it would give a handsome silver tea

of yast service in time of war, and every member has a regular standing. Congress is only asked to do what is reasonable and just. As a matter of fact, there are very few who survive to partake of this bounty If it is offered.

if they are caught and imprisoned they will break out. Tolstoy is the most widely "translated" author in the world. There is no Slav dlalect into which his works have not been translated. The problem of keeping the people supplied with clean money is now disturbing iome congressmen. They go too far. Just plain money will do.

dd be required to cont

stipend from the government.

The Japanese do not believe Russian forces will land on Corea, but evince a readiness to land on the said forces if they do,

At any rate the Omaha grain market project is keeping the railroads running out of Omaha busy with their grain fraud." tariff schedules.

Baron Arthur de Rothschild has died, cumstance won't make any material difference to most people.

General Reyes does not have to consult the calendar to make sure that he

has arrived at the court of Uncle Sam in the midst of the cold season.

Trouble often starts over a woman passing fair, but that street car riot in Chicago appears to have started over a woman who was not passing fare.

Relief funds for the families of dead firemen are eminently proper, but preventive measures that would safeguard the lives of our fire fighters would be still better.

The Colombian army that threatens to defy the United States in Panama consists of 1,100 men-which is almost as many as the average South Omaha packing company employs.

The worst part of the failure of those lowa senators and representatives to agree on a successor to Judge Shiras, recently retired is that a good substantial salary is going to waste.

If Congressman Hinshaw will only advertise his exploits as a pension-getter as widely as posible, he will have no occasion to exert his usefulness as a public servant anywhere outside of the pension office.

The bill posters working as advance circus men have stuck the big shows for an advance of wages for the coming year. Now watch the bosses recoup by decocting a lemonade without any lemon in it whatever.

When the Traveling Men's Protective association presented President Roosevelt with an associate membership he remarked that it is an unusual experience for a delegation to call to give, instend of to receive. And that's no joke, either.

And now it is Federal Judge Swayne of Florida whom the house is asked to ing means for the extension of our exinvestigate. The general public is be port trade in products of the farm as ginning to suspect that some congress well as the factory there will be comen would rather probe other men's operation as far as possible with the records than legislate to the glory of Department of Agriculture, so that the their own.

The California legislature is moved to In the ascertainment of facts relating prevent the manufacture of impure to industrial conditions the report states Before its members can act in- that "capitalists and wage receivers are wines. telligently they will of course have to to be treated on an equality," which is be shows the difference, and after they of course necessary to a fair and accuence they won't care how they act.

said, "the body politic cannot be sound of state. and healthy if many of its constituent It would be a stretch of the imagina- ing it. members claim their standing through tion to assume that the decision of the the prostitution of the high right and supreme court by which the railroad calling of citizenship. It should mean commission was wiped out should not something to become a citizen of the also be construed to apply to other United States and in the process no deputies that have been injected by sucloophole whatever should be left open to ceeding legislatures into the machinery

of state government. All these deputy In his reference to the matter Attorships, whether they fill a long felt want ney General Knox recommends legisla- or a much-coveted graft, whether selftion which there is reason to believe sustaining or not, would be legislated out leaving a large estate-which latter cir- would provide a thorough remedy. He by the supreme court if a test case was would have omitted from the statutes brought before that tribunal and decided as they now stand the question of intent on the same lines as the Board of Trans-

and guilty knowledge where an offender portation case. The question whether has in his possession a fraudulent cer- the governor is responsible for the emtificate of naturalization unlawfully ob- bezzlement of public funds or the aptained in any matter whatever, or where propriation of public property by officers a fraudulent certificate so held and ob- holding commissions as the governor's tained is used for any purpose whatever. deputies therefore brings up the other He further recommends that the law be question, Can the governor be held liable amended so as to compel an alien at the for the acts of deputies appointed in time of applying for citizenship to precontravention of the constitution? Are sent from the appropriate immigration authorities a certificate showing his age existence? In a nutshell, can an execuand the date of his arrival, and con- tive state officer be held accountable for are not to be laid off because taining also his physical description. depredations committed by constitutional

An important suggestion by the attoroutlaws? If not, what is the remedy? ney general is that the power of issu-Does not his obligation to enforce the ing certificates of naturalization should constitution impose upon the governor be withdrawn from the various state the duty to discharge his unlawful courts and restricted to federal courts deputies and leave the positions they and that all administrative matters reoccupy vacant until a constitutional lating to naturalization should be com- amendment has been submitted and mitted to one central government ratified granting to the legislature the Harriman roads as many, and that the bureau. These are practicable recomwer to create such additional executive mendations which ought to receive the officers as are not expressly enumerated careful attention of congress. There in the constitution?

Another charter provision that should be more strictly enforced is that which requires the approval of the health commissioner of all plans and specifications The first report of the secretary of for new buildings and construction work commerce and labor does not present before building permits are granted. much of a practical nature, the depart-The object of this provision is to insure ment having been organized only a few months and not yet being in complete proper sanitary equipment for the protection of the health of occupants and working order. But the report, gives information as to what may be expected neighbors and it is by no means an unwarranted requirement. The same purin the future, which shows that the new pose as regards old buildings can be department has a great amount of very subserved only by periodic sanitary inimportant work to perform. The secrespection, with rigid compliance with the tary points out that a principal branch recommendations of the authorities for curing defects likely to become dangerous. A stricter enforcement of the

building regulations by the municipal officers might not please the people directly affected in their pocketbooks, but sending out daily consular reports and it would be decidedly popular with the Mayor-elect McClellan of New York

declares that he is going to disappoint the people who have been predicting a carnival of vice and graft as soon as he is installed in the executive office of the metropolis. If the reform administration of Mayor Low will really have forced Tammany to put the brakes on its own machine, it will have produced more permanent civic betterment for the people of Greater New York than ever before accomplished in a much longer

It is suggested that all the republican members of Nebruska's delegation at have been shown enough of the differ- rate presentation of conditions. It will Washington exercise a voice in the matindoubtedly be the effort of the depart- ter of federal appointments for the state

ploys them.

Improving Rural Mail Service. Indianapolis News.

The president in his message calls attention to the importance of the rural free delivery service. He asks for the attention of congress to the question of com pensation of the carriers and clerks. This is a matter that deserves consideration. The rural service ought to be put on the year's funds as appears to him proper after a study of the results of previous same basis as the service in cities. The carriers should have sufficient pay and examinations. should not be expected to eke out a livelihood by engaging in other occupations than that for which the government em-

RAILROAD RETRENCHMENT.

Signs of Coming Depression, the Fruit of Wild Financiering.

New York Independent. While the approaching discharge of shop

tion projects in the country. It would mployes and track laborers by several stop the work already under way in Negreat railroad companies must not be overvada, and would render impossible any looked by those who desire to know the consideration of feasible irrigation in Utah, they his deputies if they have no valid condition and prospects of business, the Kansas, New Mexico, and possibly Wyocauses of such reductions of forse should be carefully noted. These men ming, since the funds derived from the sale of lands in these states and territories would be inadequate for the construction of a present depression, nor wholly on of important works. In Oklahoma, where, account of a depression that is expected with the exception of one county and per-It is predicted that from 15,000 to 20,000 haps part of another, irrigation is not men employed in the shops or on the essential to the cultivation of crops, the tracks will be dismissed before January 1. fund is ample, thanks to the large sale of Traffic continues to be heavy, and the public land. Nevada, on the other hand, forces engaged in actual transportation are the most arid state in the west, has con not to be disturbed. But it is expected tributed but \$25,879 to this fund, while the that within a short time the Vanderbil government work now in progress there companies will discharge 2,500 men, the will necessitate an outlay of \$1,500,000. Should the McCumber act become a law movement will affect posaibly 20,000 em ployes. In the Lake Shore shops the this would have to stop. change has taken the form of a reductio Just as the cabinet meeting broke up

of hours. These dismissals will be due in some measure to the approach of the cold sea-

This cause accounts in part for the son. discharge of 3,599 men employed in the lake iron ore mines. On the railroads many costly improvements have recently been made, and in some instances these permit, and were designed to cause, a re duction of the number of employes. Ex-

penditures on the Harriman roads for equip ment and various betterments during the last three years were \$104.090,000. Th Pennsylvania company. however, has re

"I never carry so much money in one cently called a halt on improvement con plece," the attorney general replied. tracts involving \$10,000,000. It may be that The other members of the cabinetsimilar action by a considerable numbe of roads will make thousands of men idle Moody, Shaw, Root, Wilson and Paynein addition to those to be dismissed from were absent. It was decided to turn the money over the shops.

Such action; together with the reported to the conscience fund as a contribution canceling of orders for rails, which is said from the five absentees, for, as the presito have caused a suspension of work last dent remarked, "Even if they have no week in the Youngstown mills, does indionsciences, they should have." cate retrenchment. And undoubtedly the

dent.

nerce and labor.

and forefinger.

reduction of shop forces is due in part Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island was scolding a page for carelessness regarding to a desire to reduce expenses in view o expected duliness. Railroad traffic is larg some matter intrusted to his care and now, as we have said, but some railroad threatened to have the lad dismissed. officers are looking forward to a decline "Gently, Aldrich," said Mr. Gorman of and are getting ready for it. Deman Maryland, "give the boy a show. I often has already fallen off in the iron trade made the same mistake when I was a page half a century ago. You have no idea what owing partly to the folly of some labor unions and partly to the embarrasamen a hard time these bays have at times, with of investors. The effect is seen at the ore half a dozen senators calling to them a' mines and the furnaces, and in the predic once. If I had been dismissed for such an tion that wages at the Homestead works offense-why, just think, Aldrich, you will be reduced. Continued decline in the might not have me for a colleague now. iron trade must affect railroad traffic. The Rhode Islander by this time was in It is true that one cause, and probably better humor and forgave the lad. the most influential of all causes, of the reduction of the railroad companies' Progress of American Ideas.

forces and of the suspension of improvement work, is not only an expectation o

some general depression, but also a few signs of the beginning of it. If such de masked men, who sagged the manager had is assistants and got away with \$15,100 pression shall come, it will be due chieff; Recently a railroad train was successfully to the quarrels of powerful capitalists, the wild financiering of the organizers of car perated on in a somewhat similar manital, and the folly of some labor organiz er. Americanization seems also to devoting a little attention to South Africa.

were it to be lau veys, investigations and experiments until name it bears. the entire area of the state had been cov-

Representative N. D. Sperry of the Sec ered; this might consume many years and ond Connecticut district is the father of would doubtless result in the waste of a the house in point of years and therefore large part of the fun. Under the existing in a class by himself. He was 76 years old law, the secretary may use his own discreat his last birthday and yet his step is as tion as to the amount of money he shall elastic and his mind as bright as when he devote to the surveys and investigations first entered politics away back in the '50s each year, and is able to allot to investigation such reasonable proportion of any one

PERSONAL NOTES.

As a long distance talker General Reyes

of Colombia is less of a success than was

expected. He should properly have been

He is one of the founders of the republican party. General Edward F. Jones, formerly lies enant governor of New York state, has

made an offer to the school board of Bing-"To confine the expenditure of this money hamton to pay for the examination of the entirely within the boundaries of the eyes of pupils in all the public schools of states which contribute it," said a wellthe city, to furnish glasses where they are known irrigationist today, "is just as sensefound to be necessary or to furnish treatless a proposition as to insfst upon its ment for the eyes of poor children that expenditure within the exact area from may be found necessary. Several years ago General Jones began to lose his sight, and The passage of the McCumber bill would

in spite of the efforts of the most eminent oculists he has become totally blind.

The lawyer was a cunning chap Who liked contingent fees; He naturally advised the Maid To nurse her injuries.

The damages the Plaintiff claimed Were modest as could be: She asked for fifly thousand pounds Because she hoped for three.

The experts were disint'rested, So six they swore that she Would die within a month or two, Six swore the contraree.

The jurors, honest men and true, They thought and thought and thought; And then "For plaintiff fifty thou-sand pounds" the verdict brought.

The jurors, tender hearted men, Before they sought their bed, Each one, he nobly went and asked The Plaintiff him to wed.

Alas! Alack! Alack-a-day! "Twas ever thus in life! They found the Pinintiff-Maid She was the lawyer's wife!

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