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(Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE.
Notary Public. The ease with which the Russians disclaimed any knowledge of troubles at Koushk must have made them wish the North sea were in Afghanistan.

GEO. B. TZSCHUCK.

The Indiana senatorial succession is beginning to demonstrate why so many politicians were so eager to help promote Senator Fairbanks to the vice presidency.

Legislative deadlocks are generally to be deplored, but some people harbor a feeling that the legislature of Delaware might do worse than fail to elect a senator this winter.

All business "booms" have bad after effects and the apparent "boom" in the liquor market, following the presence of Indians attending federal court in Omaha, is no exception to the rule.

a guest who overstays his welcome, and sincerity of purpose. the Japanese show no signs of leaving.

It is to be hoped the reported injury of a man at the New York Horse show may not impair the popularity of foot ball with those who like to watch them carry off the disabled from the gridiron.

Mrs. Maybrick denies that she is to enter the lecture field. But she must admit that if she does not do something like that, much valuable free advertising will have been permitted to go to

Governor-elect Douglas of Massachusetts must be mistaken in his expressed opinion that his views on the subject of free trade were responsible for his election-unless he meant free trade in that \$34,000 fund.

Iowa has finally decided that it can rest satisfied with two cabinet offices, but wants the president to understand that if he has any difficulty in filling the other places its supply of good material is far from exhausted.

The way to make Omaha a permanent grain market is to build flouring mills and elevators, and the way to build mills and elevators is to build them and not talk about them. Resolutions do not supply the demand.

Without reference to the particular case brought against Father Schell, it may be well to recall the fact that no one who has ever undertaken to expose the land grabbers and grafters on the Winnebago reservation has escaped being made the victim of some criminal charge trumped up against him by these plunderers of the Indians.

The retail merchants are determined to continue their efforts for a revision of the exemption laws that will permit more severe methods of collection. No one has any sympathy with the professional deadbeat, but the difficulty is to get a law that will accomplish its purpose without attending hardship upon the merely unfortunate.

According to the latest advices the supreme court will, on its own motion, strike from its records Senator Allen's brief criticising the motives of a member of the supreme court commission, but the court will refrain from citing Senator Allen to appear for contempt or pay a \$500 fine and costs, without appeal. Times have changed.

The minister of war of Panama has retired on a pension and Secretary Taft ern man and vote for him. will find no man of corresponding rank harmonious they must be.

PARTY OR PRINCIPLE!

The World-Herald has attempted to draw lessons therefrom in an article headed "Worth All These Tears." It commences:

The democratic party in the nation met with a terrible defeat because it yielded to the temptation to occupy republican ground. There is no room in this country for two republican parties. Near the close it adds:

Mr. Bryan himself emerges from the campaign a stronger man than he entered Many democrats who were honestly mistaken, and who had been led to be lleve that Mr. Bryan was not a democrat, but was in fact a populist, have had their eyes opened. The courage and force he displayed during the recent campaign has won for him the respect of men, regardless of political prejudice.

The first quotation is a confession that the democratic party in the campaign just closed was merely another republican party, advocating republican policies and doctrine, and that it deserved defeat. The second is to the effect that Mr. Bryan proved his democracy and won the respect of men by the tremendous efforts he put forth in behalf of Parker and Davis-in other words, that ne proved his democracy and won respect by moving with his party upon republican ground, advocating republican policies and doctrine and pleading for the success of a party that deserved defeat.

That Mr. Bryan has proved his party loyalty may be conceded, but many of his sincerest admirers have openly regretted that in doing so he has set party consistent? If "my party right or wrong" be the true test of political character in a man of Mr. Bryan's standing, It must be the test of those who make up the rank and file. He belongs to a minority party, and what ground would there be for him to hope that it would ever be anything but a minority party Less unsold copies...... 10,075 should each voter act upon the maxim which Mr. Bryan himself has acted 905,865 upon, "my party right or wrong." With what grace can he in the future ask republican voters to desert their party democratic party when it espoused doctrines which for years he had denounced as the sum of all political iniquities?

For Mr. Bryan it will be urged that he was forced to choose between two republican parties. But his old running mate, Mr. Watson, was the candidate of works company within the city limits a party having a national organization. Its platform did not differ materially from what it was eight years ago when braska Telephone company was returned Mr. Bryan was glad to stand upon it with Mr. Watson. It contained nothing cepted by the commissioner; the return inconsistent with the views which Mr. Bryan has advocated ever since he entered public life. It was supported by erty at \$750,000, and that valuation was of those who are at war with them. many of Mr. Bryan's closest political friends in Nebraska and elsewhere. erately allied himself with Cleveland, the electric light company's plant for in President Roosevelt by the people of Hill, Gorman and others who for years have stood opposed to all he advocated he claimed it to be worth before the as "safe and sane" in politics, and late election. The people of Omaha at The Hague. They all realize now a turned his back on his old political asso- have a right to ask what has caused little more than before his good intentions. ciates who shared his views on questions this tremendous slump in the value of and the fact that he justly represents this Coreans are said to be showing dis- of government. In so doing he seriously this plant within less than twenty days? nation in the proposal. impaired his most valuable political Why was the electric light company's most hospitable of people sometimes find asset, namely, the popular belief in his plant worth \$4,000,000 before election

THE ANNUAL HOLD UP.

newspaper having the largest bona fide since the late election. circulation in the county, are again being sympathy. It is within their power to true value of the property. put an end to the "annual holdup" by applies to publishers of newspapers just The Omaha Evening Bee was not the paper of the largest bona fide circulation in the county of Douglas. When sessed value of the property. ever a test has been made before city councils or in the courts its position as the most extensive circulating medium in this city and county has been sustained. But the bogus claimants will continue their annual raids until they are called into court and prosecuted for the violation of the code prohibiting the levy of blackmail.

THE SOUTH IN POLITICS.

There is to be a conference of southern democratic leaders, according to reports that come from Washington, to consider the question of the political independence of the southern states. According to what appears to be an authoritative statement, the idea is that the south shall cease to co-operate with the northern democracy and that it shall cease to assume an attitude of hostility toward the republican party, but shall remain absolutely independent. It is suggested that should such a plan be followed the south would cease to send delegates to national conventions. It would allow the two northern parties to make their nominations, would choose its own electors, and would have them larger part of the grain grown within vote for whichever candidate seemed the territory naturally tributary, it will most acceptable, or for a third party candidate if neither proved acceptable. In case no party named an acceptable candidate the south would choose a south-

The men in the south who are urging to greet him when he arrives on the this course assert that they have enshores of the new republic. But this tirely lost confidence in the northern dewill hardly interfere with the settle mocracy and are tired of their own sub- Teachers' association in its annual conment of the matters between the gov- ordinate position. They are convinced vention during the holidays. This is ernments, as Judge Taft has started that the time has come when the demo- the first time that the convention will ernments, as Judge Tart has started that the time has come when the demothe first time that the convention will of the Virginia dynasty whose long term nearly 7 per cent. But American money is out to make things harmonious, and cratic party in the south should cut ithave accepted Omaha's hospitality.

explain the political landside and to councils of the national democracy. Ap- ers will be glad to come again. It bethe last campaign the southern democterfere with the trip to Omaba. racy believed implicitly that the assurances given by the eastern democrats not especially favorable to the man in a most important respect, but they

him support at the ballot box. It is not surprising to learn that in their great disappointment they are now disposed to cut loose from an element of the party which it has been clearly demonstrated is unable to accomplish anything and which has deliberately deinded the southern democracy in more than one campaign. We will not venture to predict what the result of the proposed conference of southern democratic leaders will be, but it is a rational hope that it will lead to a change in the attitude of the democratic party in the south which will place it upon a more above principle. Has his course been liberal and patriotic basis then it has occupied for the past thirty years.

> BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING. During the campaign of illumination, conducted at an expense of more than \$20,000, the people of Omaha were in- cle of war. So there you are. formed by President Nash that the

property of the electric light company represented an investment of \$4,000,000 and paid more taxes than any other of the public utility corporations. An inspection of the record in the office of the city tax commissioner shows when he himself refused to desert the that the street railway company made a return for 1904 of \$3,968,000, which was raised by the commissioner to \$5,000,000: the Omaha Gas company made a return of \$1,552,000 and was much in this country while the farms are raised by the tax commissioner to \$2,250,000; the property of the water of Omaha was appraised by the commissioner at \$2,125,000; that of the Nemade by Mr. Nash for the electric light company placed the value of that prop-

accepted by the commissioner. In his sworn return to the tax com missioner Mr. Nash places the value of 1905 at \$750,000, or \$3,250,000 less than and less than one-fifth of that amount their applications for license to sell mait, of any terrific contraction in the price spirituous and vinous liquors in the of poles, wires and electrical machinery

One of three things is manifest. subjected to the annual holdup by pub- Either the strenuous president of the lishers of papers that do not meet the electric light company indulged in derequirements of the law. These bogus liberate deception on the public when claimants boldly threaten liquor dealers he said the company owned property and druggists with prosecution and per- and franchises worth \$4,000,000 in been under any serious delusion regarding secution if they do not allow themselves Omaha, or he has been laboring un- his chances of success. But the way to the to be confidenced and held up. This is der mental aberration and hallucinanothing more or less than a down- tion, or he has made a return to the right attempt at blackmail. If liquor tax commissioner and Board of Review dealers submit they are entitled to no outrageously out of proportion with the

The only way for the Board of Re entering a complaint with the county view, which is now in session, to solve attorney against parties who seek to the problem intelligently is by compell-The law prohibiting extortion by threats the capitalization of the electric light company in stocks and bonds with the as it would to men engaged in any market value of each. Under the susince the Slocumb law was enacted that value of stocks and bonds, deducting therefrom the value of the real estate

> The arrest of Father Schell on a charge trumped up in the name of an irresponsible Indian is an unmitigated ontrage, manifestly concocted by the Thurston county combine that considers the Indian its legitimate prey. Father Schell might have been indiscreet in making known his intention to carry the complaint against the ringsters to Washington, and doubtiess this furnished the inspiration for this move to detain and besmirch him, but we apprehend that it will have the opposite effect. The arrest of Father Schell will arrest the attention of the secretary of the interior and the president and compel the adoption of regulations that will more effectively correct the abuses existing at the reservation.

> The making of a great grain market in Omaha by the erection of elevators and storage houses, the building of cereal and flouring mills and other inat present the most promising field of expansion for this city. If Omaha can get the benefit of the marketing of the increase its population and add to its taxable wealth to an extent matched by no other single line of industry, except possibly the live stock market and packing houses at South Omaha. It is worth working for.

Omaha is to entertain the State

tail to the democratic kits of the north ing can be made so successful in point and assume a position of influence in the of attendance and results that the teachparently some of the democrats of that hooves the committees in charge to get though there appears no good reason for section see the folly of trusting the in their promotion work early while such discontent. The number of births pledges and promises of the democracy school teachers are making plans for of the east, which have uniformly failed their midwinter vacation, and before and are likely to do so in the future. In they make arrangements that would in-

Having done their level best to beat would be carried out and it was upon the successful candidates for republican the strength of this that they accepted nominations, and then having done a New York man as the candidate for their level best to beat them as repubpresident. They confidently thought that lican nominess for election, the Fontathe assurances given in behalf of the nelle Indians are now organizing a macandidate would be fulfilled. They were rauding expedition to capture all the appointive places that have fallen to the whom the democrats of New York pre- possession of the victors and are ensented to them, because they had not deavoring to enforce their demands by found him to be of their way of thinking the swinging of war clubs and tomahawks. Indian methods, however, are took him upon the recommendation of at a discount in civilized communities the democracy of the east and they gave in these twentieth century days.

Omaha's franchised corporations are persistent and consistent at all events when it comes to returning their property for taxation. No matter what they happen to have been assessed the last year, they are sure they should be assessed a little less this year.

If the object lesson of the Sixteenth street pavement does not move the property owners on other streets, which are practically impassable because of their wornout pavements, some more forcible means may be required.

They Have Not Had Enough. Baltimore American. Russia says it will never cease fighting until it is conqueror. The world is pretty

well convinced that Japan feels the same way about it and will back up its determination with a much more presentable . \

Washington Post. Italy proposes to decorate J. Plerpont

Morgan because of his return of that stolen cope. This country might be willing to give some of those Napoleons of finance decorations if they would return the stolen property now in their possession. It Won't Count for Much.

San Francisco Chronicle.

good deal of talk is heard about the socialist vote, but it will never count for in the possession of over 6,000,000 owners, and while there are as many more separate owners of city realty in the United States. Japan's Credit.

New York Tribune.

Sam smiles on the Jap as a borower and will discount his paper with pleasure. The little brown Oriental's credit s good everywhere, even in Moscow, where

Confidence Well Placed. Philadelphia Press.

The magnificent expression of confidence the United States has had a favorable bearing on his invitation to European nations to reassemble the peace conference

> Vast Riches in Corn. New Orleans States.

The greatest hoard of the yellow metal after election? Nobody in Omaha is buy one year's harvest of the American aware of a sudden drop in the value corn and wheat. To buy one season's corn The Omaha brewers, wholesale and of real estate, in the cost of labor and crop would take all the gold minted in retail liquor dealers and druggists, who building material, during the last three this country in six years. In the last seven are under the law required to publish weeks, and nobody in Omaha has heard years all the gold mines have produced funds, but in amounts which are ridicusix leading cereals.

Ambitions Shattered on the Road to the White House. Kansas City Star.

The loss of the presidency was probably Judge Parker, for he could hardly have great office is strewn with the broken hopes and shattered ambitions of those of his predecessors who had given up their lives to the pursuit of the prize only to lose it in the end.

The list begins with John Jay, who sacrificed his prospects by negotiating an unpopular treaty with Great Britain. ends with Thomas B. Reed, for Mr. Bryan was the leader of a forlorn hope both in extort money from them under threats. ing Mr. Nash to submit a statement of 1896 and in 1900 and he accepted defeat with fortitude. While there were disappointments of aspirations early in the his tory of the country, the first case that appealed to popular imagination was that of other business. There never was a time preme court decision the combined Henry Clay, the brilliant "Harry of the West." Clay was passed over in 1840, because his membership in the Masonic order and his tariff views made him less "availassessed separately, should be the as- able" than William Henry Harrison. Four years later he secured the nomination only to be defeated by the first democratic dark horse, James K. Polk.

Webster was another leader who was sacrificed to the exigencies of the popular demand. In 1848 the whigs deserted their chiefs and went over to the military hero, General Taylor, although the Massachusetts statesman, according to all precedents, was entitled to the nomination. Again, in 1852, Webster lost to another soldier, General Winfield Scott. In 1860 Governor Seward of New York was the republican leader, and the logical choice of his party. But the know nething ele ment caused his defeat and made possible

the nomination of Lincoln. Salmon P. Chase was another man with a presidential ambition which was never graitfied. He hoped to secure the nomination in place of Lincoln in 1864. Defeated at that time, he looked forward four years to the democratic convention, which rejected him and named Governor Seymour. To avenge his defeat his daughnot to fight the decision of the electoral commission awarding Louisiana's vote to Thus a grudge over a defeat helped to dustries to work up their products, offers | deprive the democratic candidate in 1878 of his victory. Horace Greeley succumbed in 1872 under his crushing defeat and died a few days after the election.

Binine was defeated for the nomina tion in 1876 by the cutting off of the gas from the convention hall, which thus compelled an adjournment over night and gave his opponents time to arrange a winning combination. His loss of the presidency, eight years later, due to the Burchard indiscretion, left him a broken man. The brilliant Reed hoped for the nomination in 1896, but it went to his more astute ad-The acquisition of the Philipines allenated him from his party and finally forced his withdrawal from political

Theodore Roosevelt is one of the very self out of the pesition of being a mere With a little extra effort the meet- with an election to the presidency.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In France there continues to be complaint of the decrease in the birth rate. last year was \$25,712, as compared with 845,378 the year before, and an average of 851,044 for the preceding ten years. The number of deaths was less, so that the excess of births over deaths was 73.106. That was a small natural increase in the population of France, but it was sufficient France has a large population for its size, and while the births are proportionately much less than in Great Britain or Germany, they are as many as the circumstances of the nation justify. The French are not a migratory people in the same sense as are the British or Germans. Hence as large a birth rate proportionately in France as in Germany or Great Britain would soon overcrowd the country and result in want and misery. There is less dis tress among the French people than among those of any other European nation, despite the enormous taxation imposed on them. If the French government ceases to look for an opportunity to revenge itself on Germany, and reduces its outlay for war purposes, the French people would soon be, in an economical sense, far in advance of those of any other European coun-The fallure to increase rapidly in population is something which France does not need to worry over.

The traces of the old feudalism in Japan survive conspicuously in the laws that make labor unionism and strikes criminal By the police regulations of 1900 the Japanese authorities are empowered to punish workingmen who go on strike or "who labor." There is, in fact, a complete legal prohibition of the right of combination among wage-earners. So long as such laws remain in force the capitalists and manufacturers of Japan are sure of very cheap labor supply, and this fact will undoubtedly aid them enormously in competing with western industrialism for the arlous open markets in the Orient. Yet there is likely to be, in time, an awakening among the Japanese working class. The economic standard of living among them will rise as the increase of wealth goes on. Then, too, the Japanese cannot assimilate western civilization to any great extent without imbibing also our labor union ideas. The right to combine and strike must be conceded some day. Meantime, it is singular that a socialistic propaganda has begun there even before the right of labor to agitate or combine for higher wages has been recognized.

There are important matters before the French congress to which the government is addressing itself with earnest resolution. On; is the income tax, concerning which two proposals are now under consideration, either of which would make revolutionary changes in the fiscal system. Another is the refreshing proposal to reduce the period of military service to two years. third is the government bill for establishing a workingmen's pension fund. Of course there are also the agreements with Great Britain over the Newfoundland shore and the partition of Africa, and with the capitalists have quite a snug lot of Spain over the disposition of Morocco, Japanese securities stored away rated as which must be brought up for approval gilt edged even in the firm dal schedules To all these measures the government stands pledged, and it means to put them through during the present session, or at least in the new session which begins in January next. To that end the deputies will probably be kept at work in both afternoon and evening, and speeches "for Buncombe" will be discouraged. It is an inspiring spectacle to see France thus settling down to business in serenc disregard of the winds of war and the waters ence as can France, and that she is at this a mine. This is really an exhibition time assuming such an attitude is an omen good taste that was not looked for. of her future good.

Reports continue to come from all sides of the terrible and growing distress in The municipal authorisouthern Russia. ties in the large towns are voting relief only enough to buy one year's yield of our lously inadequate to the necessities of the case. Thus at Krementchug a resolution to pay one dollar a week to the more des-ROAD STREWN WITH BROKEN HOPES titute reservists' families of the district was thrown out in the municipal chamber and an amendment carried to pay fifty Many of the reservists' families cents. consist of five, six or even more children so the value of this aid may be imagined not an overwhelming disappointment to The military authorities deny all responsibility for the misery caused by the poblization. In view of the large number of men killed and incapacitated at the front, they have been asked to what extent the various municipal corporations and charitable organizations may depend upon government assistance later on. They have replied that soldiers or reservists when dead or incapacitated, no longer officially "exist" and that their wives, familles, or other dependents cannot be assisted out of military funds. The state of affairs in the villages and outlying hamlets is even worse. The representative of a German agricultural machinery business who lately returned to Odessa after visiting various agricultural areas in the south of Russia declares that the outlook for the winter is the worst he remembers for fifteen years, many of them years of harvest shortage or partial famine.

The scheme for the redistribution of the British forces in India, upon which Lord Kitchener has been at work for a long time, has been formally adopted and will be put into complete execution as speedly as possible. The object of it, put in the briefest way, is to arrange the different units in a formation which will enable them to train together and co-operate more effectively in the event of war. The conditions of the country, It is explained in a general army order, have been vastly changed since the mutiny by railways and the telegraph The new scheme concentrates the troops according to present requirements and in particular enables all three arms to be trained together in the various centers. Southern India is by no means denuded of troops, though the post of lieutenant general of the Madra; army has been abolished. The military arrangements in Burma remain unchanged. The cost of the reorganization will, it is belleved, amount to \$50,000,000, all of which, however, will not have to be paid at once. The Bengal, Bombay and Punjab armies will be known respectively as the easte n ter is reported to have induced Conkling | western and northern corps. St. Charles Egerton will command at Skundarbad, which will be on the same footing as For Mr. Tilden had been the Burma. Officers of divisions will have inreal power behind Seymour's nomination. creased duties in order that lieutenant generals may have more leisure to superintend the training of their divisions. Each division will consist of one cavalry and three infantry brigades, as well as the divisional troops of cavalry, artillery, sappers and pioneers. The completion of scheme will require time, as new barracks on new lines will be needed. Officers are specially directed to devote their energies toward an improved war training of their

> Japanese Lozu in America. Springfield Republican.

Americans are not subscribing for the new Japanese loan in such number or amount as Engilshmen are but there reems to be no doubt that the \$30.000,000 assigned to this country will be fully taken It is an exceptionally attractive few brilliant party leaders since the time offer which is made-netting the investor

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Hot air cabinet makers are busy with their hammers. Colonel Rienry Watterson strikes the last note in the dirge when he says there is

nothing left to reorganize. The most surprising feature of the election in Pennsylvania is that one democrat

should land a seat in congress. Apparently, Governor Dockery of Missouri sees little to be thankful for, as his Thanksgiving proclamation is just eight lines long.

It would be easier to bear if it had been Gumshoe Bill Stone instead of Cockrell that was standing in the way of the Missouri avalanche.

Nothwithstanding all the energy and treasure expended, it is fairly certain that Gasman Addicks will not land the Delaware senatorship. Ray, Dr. Swallow declares that he is

ceived." If he is satisfied the rest of us ught not to complain. A large proportion of the republicans of Moscow, Idaho, made a public bonfire of

much gratified by the returns so far re-

their old hats and donned new headgear provided by the opposition. Kentucky produced the greatest surprise of the election. The prohibitionists can

ried one precinct in Louisville and tripled their vote throughout the state. There is an occasional rift in the clouds befogging southern newspapers. Florida Times-Union exclaims cheerfully,

"The price of whisky is falling!" E. Y. Searles, who last week was elected governor of North Dakota on the republitan ticket, was born in Wisconsin and is the son of a Methodist minister.

The legislature of California, which meets January, will be so nearly unanimously republican that a division on party lines on any subject whatever will be out of the question.

Senator Depew is actively at work among the members-elect of the New York legis, lature securing pledges for his own reelection. He is meeting with good success, but has not yet pledged a majority of the republican caucus.

"We are for Parker because we are weary of defeat," said Senator Daniel of Virginia at the St. Louis convention. He one among a considerable number of democrats who have not been heard from

since the election. Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, asserts his party is stricken and announces that he will not be a candidate for reelection next spring, and that under no combination of circumstances will he ac-

cept a renomination. Governor-elect Douglas of Massachusetts acknowledges having spent \$34,500 in his campaign. Still there are statesmen in the Bay state who insist that a democrat cannot, under the constitution, hold the office of governor in that state.

Governor Odell holds no grudge against anybody. Still, he declined an invitation to attend Senator Platt's buckwheat cake and maple syrup breakfast. Buckwheat cakes don't agree with him, perhaps, and he may have his doubts as to the genuineness of the maple syrup.

Patrick Keerwin of Seward, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the oldest voter in the United States, cast his twenty-first presidential ballot for Parker and Davis. He is 107 years 8 months and 1 day old and takes the same keen interest in politics today as he did fifty years ago.

> Unexpected Good Taste. Springfield Republican.

One thing can be said for General Sherman Bell of Colorado. He knows when he For one in that condition fondly known of intrigue which are raging about her. is not wanted. The defeat of Governor There is no nation of continental Europe that can so well afford an attitude of self-contained and self-reliant independ-will now go to Mexico as superintendent of the first self-contained and self-reliant independ-will now go to Mexico as superintendent of the first same old notions firmly fast-ened in my head. Which seems turnstion funny if, as Wat-self-contained and self-reliant independ-will now go to Mexico as superintendent of the first same old notions firmly fast-ened in my head. Which seems turnstion funny if, as Wat-self-contained and self-reliant independ-will now go to Mexico as superintendent of the first same old notions firmly fast-ened in my head.

Not a Bit Discouraged.

Chicago Tribune Grandpa Davis is quoted as saying he is not discouraged. The good old soul should No not allow himself to be absolutely certain that the democratic party has formed the habit of nominating him for vice president. It may make overtures to Uncle Russell

Sage next time.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

"Is that invention of yours practical?"
"I don't know yet," answered the inentor. "It works all right, but I haven't
et put any shares on the market,"—Wash-

"George won a hat betting with papa. "Yes."
"And papa said George could have Emene if he'd call it square."—Cleveland

"Yes, sir, he was the lariest man on rec-ord. What do you reckon he did when his house was on fire?"

"Dunno."
"Warmed his hands at the blaze, and maked God he didn't have to split the thanked God he didn't have to s wood for it!"-Atlanta Constitution

"When Bragley starts talking to me it always makes me thirsty,"
"You mean because he's so dry?"
"Well, no: I think it's because so many of the statements he makes have to be taken with a grain of sait."—Philadelphia

Press.

"What's this story about Archie Feather-top taking his automobile apart to see what it was made of?"
"Only partly true. It wasn't working right, and he took it apart—into a fence corner, where he could swear at it undis-turbed."—Chicago Tribune.

"I confess," said he, during the tiff, "I can't understand you at all; you're a regular puzzle."

"Well," she retorted, defantly, "if I'm an unsolvable puzzle, there's only one thing for you to do—give me up."—Philadelphia Press.

BRYAN'S OPINION.

S. W. Gillilan in Baltimore American. wrote Bill Bryan asking what he thought of the defeat Of A. Bewildered Parker who was such a cinch to beat.
I waked quite a day or two before the I waked quite a day or two before the answer came.

Then opened it with feverish haste to learn who got the blame.

For all the harm inflicted to the party, that had failed.

To get within a furiong of the job they would have nailed.

But this is all I heard from him—the party's liveliest head:

"Don't ask any questions—Tommy Watson."

"Don't ask any questions Tommy Watson says I'm dead." Then came a little postscript worded thus:

Then came a little postscript worded thus:
"I s'pose it's so,
For Watson's fully posted and he surely
ought to know.
But if it's true, the symptoms rigor mortis brings about
Are not the kind I thought I'd have while
'going up the spout;'
My temprature is normal and my pulse old notions firmly fast-

Twe got the strength, though I'm defunct, to lead another fight Against the sort of statesmanship I never thought was right; statesmanship I never thought was right;
I've got the steam and courage to administer a biff
To that old Cleveland party—which is queer if I'm a stiff.
No undertaker's wagon has been calling been for me here for me, No sad-faced, white-gloved neighbors, choir or preacher do I see;
But how can I disparage what so good a
man hath said?

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