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A city tax levy for 1905 not to exceed 10 mills would be popular with Omaha taxpayers.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this alst day of December, 1994. (Seal) M. B. HUNGATE.

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Notary Public.

Dally average .....

Japan has selzed 25,000 tons of coal consigned to Russia. Fuel must be comparatively cheap in Tokio despite the

mulik.

The impression persists that while M. Rouvier is occupying the driver's seat in France, M. Combes still has his hands upon the lines.

Russia may be awakening, but that is no reason why it should arouse the from its Sunday nap to listen to its troubles.

The new French cabinet numbers eleven members. If Iowa were only a department of France it might furnish half a dozen cabinet ministers.

The park board in its modesty asks the levy, however, used to be the maximum.

until the strike is over.

People hereabouts had been led to believe that Omaha held the record as the very wickedest city on the map.

A Missouri legislator proposes an income tax for state purposes. That legislator evidently wants to drive out of the state some of the men who have money enough to bribe lawmakers.

The long drawn out investigation at Washington has established the fact that United States senators who are under Senator Smoot is a Mormon, and since he admitted that to begin with, the committee might as well rise and report.

There is probably some rejoicing in Toklo over the fact that bullets made to kill Japanese have found lodgment in Russian bodies, but the Japs would much prefer to beat their enemy in an open fight.

At last accounts the siege of the court house was still in full blast, with a desperation comparable only to the fa mous siege of Port Arthur. But prospeets are that the crisis will be reached. very shortly.

The New York stock market seemed to feel the effects of the rioting at St. Petersburg worse than those of London, Paris or Berlin. Perhaps, in his hurry. the czar forgot to send supporting orders to the American market.

The Colorado situation must be in better shape than imagined, since Senator Teller has found himself able to go to Washington and show how far he has traveled from the republican party since he left the St. Louis convention.

Judging by the success which has them over to stockholders out of debt, the United States should have no trouble Domingo.

people of the United States know more of Russia themselves.

THE RUSSIAN CRISIS.

The anticipated collision between the large body of workingmen on a strike and the Russian regular army stationed at St. Petersburg has brought the Russian imperial capital to the verge of Bee (without Sunday), one year \$1.00 revolution. While the reports trans-trated Bee, one year \$2.50 mitted from St. Petersburg to the ay Bee, one year \$2.50 European and American press are from mentary and may be distorted so far as the number of persons killed and wounded by the Russian troops is concerned, it is plain that the situation in St. Petersburg is highly critical and revolution.

ing of the labor armies under the leadership of Coxey and Kelley on Washington a few years ago. The peaceful repressed popular sentiment against burst forth in more serious outbreak unless the czar and his advisers have the courage and wisdom to alleviate the prevailing distress and pacify the smoldering discontent among the masses of the Russian people.

At this great distance it would be foolhardy to venture a forecast of the 30,260 eventual result of the irrepressible conflict between the Russian people and their ruler. All the world will, how ever, watch with Intense interest the trend of events in Russia and will not be surprised at almost any outcome.

SAN DOMINGO'S FISCAL AFFAIRS. Reports have been current for some time of contemplated action by our gov ernment in regard to conditions in San Domingo. The almost constant state of political turmoil there has brought the country to the point of bankruptcy and as obligations to a considerable amount are due to foreigners and these creditors have been clamoring for their payment. it became a very serious question what should be done to relieve the situation and avert the danger of aggressive action on the part of foreign governments for the collection of obligations due their citizens.

Those governments have appealed to the United States in the matter and it has received the serious consideration of the Washington authorities. There has been talk of an American occupa-The Russian bureaucrat is learning tion of San Domingo and the exercise of that the tricks learned while Jew balt- a protectorate over that country and ing can be turned to another use by the doubtless such a course has been considered. This would, of course, have been entirely satisfactory to the foreign governments having claims against San Domingo, since it would have assured peace in the island and the proper collection and disbursement of its revenues But it would have been widely regarded, and especially by the republics of this hemisphere, as a scheme of annexation and undoubtedly would not have been approved by our own people.

An agreement has now been reached by invitation of the government of San Domingo, under which the United States will assist in the administration of the revenues of the island and endeavor to Aut its fiscal affairs on a sound basis. council for only the minimum levy for The announcement of this arrangement the park fund. The minimum park fund explains that the United States proposes to guarantee the territorial integrity of the Dominican republic and does not purpose assuming a protectorate or in-It is evident that the Standard Oil terfering or participating in its domestic company has little influence at St. affairs, further than the collection of cus-Petersburg, since the government has toms revenues, revision of the tariff and placed the sale of petroleum under ban the adjustment of its economic and fiscal organization. Neither does the United States assume any responsibility for the What's this? St. Joseph gamblers just foreign obligations of San Domingo. closing down by order of Governor Folk! though it will endeavor to have these provided for. It is to be expected that that this will be entirely satisfactory to the creditors of the republic and it should mark the beginning of a period of peace and prosperity for the Island. so long the scene of devastating civil

SENATORS WORKING FOR DELAY

According to reports from Washington, which appear to be trustworthy, the influence of the railroads are determined to delay legislation for the regulation of railway rates. It is stated that the organization of railroad presidents to prevent legislation or to make it favorable to their interests is already reflected in the sentiment of certain senators and also among some members of the house. One report says that the railroad senators are becoming more and more bitter in their resistance to the president's plans.

It appears that the leader in the movement for defeating, if possible, the proposed legislation, or, if that cannot be done, having it so shaped as not to be seriously objectionable to the railroads, is the president of the Pennsylvania. who last week spent several days in Washington instructing the railroad In this he seems to have been the plan of the railroads for delay, which is regarded as equivalent to serving only authorized to call special elections ble at this session of congress. There though considerable opposition exists in maintains a law department. In the exattended. United States courts in run. that body, but it appears to be practi- ercise of these functions no check what ning bankrupt railroads and turning cally assured that nothing will be done by the senate.

A conflict between the legislative and in arranging that little affair in Santo the executive branches of the govern- vacancies in the board for unexpired As to books on topics of this kind, each ment over this question is predicted Lterms, even though they should extend One report says: "So far there is no over more than five years. Its members The difference between the spirit of open fight. But when hostilities are cannot be impeached or removed unless extent of buying books and periodicals on democracy and autocracy could not be actually begun, and the administration convicted of a felony, and while it is more forcibly emphasized than by the and anti-administration forces are lined proposed to give it exclusive control of fact, strange as it may seem, that the up in opposing columns, it is believed a the collection and disbursement of milstruggle will ensue which may be pro- lions of dollars, its accounts are not subabout what has happened and is hap- longed not only through the present ses- ject to revision by the city comptroller pening in St. Petersburg than the people | slon, but through the next congress and | or anyone else.

Whether or not they are numerically lation remains to be seen, but there apprevent it at the present session, if they marching in a body to petition the exar and will be firmly adhered to. It is rental and interest on the water bonds, for intervention in their behalf was needless to say that he has no desire where will the promised relief comsomething in the nature of the march- for a conflict, but he will not shrink from? from it if the senators who are under railroad domination shall force it upon him. The people are with the president demands of the unarmed workingmen in and, thus sustained, he will not abate amazing that anybody should dare pro-Russia were, however, repelled by force the effort he has begun to relieve the pose such rank legislation. at the sacritice of many lives, and the public of abuses the existence of which is admitted by the railroads themselves autocracy and monarchy is liable to and which have been steadily growing more flagrant and intolerable.

THE AFRICAN IN THAT WOODPILE. When the bill to amend the compulsory water works act was introduced in the legislature it was presumed to be simply an effort to head off a more than probable decision of the supreme court declaring the water board unconstitutional. A glance at water bill No. 2 must convince any rational person that it is a more dangerous and obnoxious piece of legislation by far to the citizens and taxpayers of Omaha than the original Howell bill. By rights it should be entitled "A bill to bar the citizens of Omaha from participation in any shape, manner or form in all matters relating to the purchase and acquisition of the water works and to confer negotiate said purchase or to extend pany for an indefinite period on any terms the board may see fit to grant."

It is proposed under the new water bill that "any city that shall have heretofore undertaken the purchase or acquisition of the water plant of any perpublic or fire purposes under the powers | before the legislature? granted by the charter of such city, or by virtue of any right inuring to such pointment of appraisers whenever re- federal government. quired, the general supervision of any resulting appraisement, the acceptance or rejection of any award resulting from any such appraisement and of all other negotiations connected with or pertaining to the acquisition of such water dant.

In a nutshell, it is proposed that the water board shall have sole and exclusive authority to accept or reject the award made by the appraisers of the water works and at its option to negotlate with the water company for the acquisition of such works, but the African in that woodpile is covered up in the following provision:

"The board shall have the sole "power to make, modify and terminate "on behalf of such city all contracts "for the supply of water to such city "for domestic, public or fire purposes."

Mark the language: "To make, mod fy and terminate all contracts for the hasten the day when the people will compel supply of water." Coupled with the sole power to reject the award of the appraisers or to negotiate and to carry on all other negotiations connected with the water supply. It means that the water board is not only given authority to purchase the works at the upset price fixed by the appraisers even if higher several millions than the works could be duplicated for, but it shall have power to negotiate a new contract or extend the old contract on such terms as may be deemed mutually sat isfactory to the board and the water works owners. What an opening for a

gigantic graft! Conceding that a majority of the members of the board are men of high standing, why should the city abdicate its right and privilege to decide whether it wants the contract with the water company extended, on what terms the extension is to be granted and what time limit it wants to put to the extension?

But this is not all. Under the amended bill "sole power and authority is conferred upon the water board to determine the amount of bonds to be issued for water works, to issue the same when voted and to have power and authority to submit a proposition for votor to call a special election for such

purpose." The board is also empowered to main tain and defend all suits at law grow ing out of the acquisition of the water senators as to what was expected of works, and said board may sue or be sued in the name of the Water Board very successful, since the senate com- of the City of Omaha. In other words, mittee on interstate commerce accepted by this bill a corporation is created within the municipal corporation, not that hews, saws, cuts, builds, is useful in notice on President Roosevelt that no to issue bonds and levy a water tax, but that paints a wild flower or molds legislation looking to the correction of also to employ lawyers to defend or rate and discrimination abuses is possi- prosecute suits in court in its name at the hand, "I have no need of thee." the expense of the taxpayers, although be the hand. Thrice blessed the hands that is probability of legislation by the house, the city has a mayor and council and ever is imposed upon the board excent its own free will.

Its members are authorized to fill all

beyond." The attitude of these sen. Still another provision in the new

ators who owe their position largely or water works bill seems decidedly off wholly to corporation influence will be color. Not only is the water board emno surprise to the country. They were powered to submit bond propositions and Some Monumental Traths Eastern expected to either openly oppose the issue bonds, but it is given exclusive president's recommendations or to work authority to levy a tax not exceeding for deferring action on them as long as \$100,000 upon all taxable property within its people, is a striking feature of the possible. It has been very well under- the city for the payment of hydraut stood that they would obey the will and rental, which clearly indicates a conorders of the railroads and ignore the templated extension of the existing condemands and interests of the public, tract, but the bill also requires the the financial growth of the west and the strong enough to ultimately defeat legis- water plant in case of its purchase, to pose of demonstrating the fertility of the charge up each fire hydrant located pears to be little doubt that they can within the city against the city and compute it as part of the regular revso determine. Meanwhile the position enue from water consumers. If prop. West " the magazine editorially says: of President Roosevelt is clearly defined erty owners are to be taxed for hydrant

in view of all that has been said on he water works issue within the past two years in this community, it is simply

The present distribution of represents tion in the Nebraska legislature is based on the state census of 1885-in other words, it goes on the theory that there population in this state in its various sections in twenty years. The absurdity of such an assumption is plain from the government presupposes a distribution of representation without arbitrary advantage to any one district over another. The remedy of this unfair condition has platform pledges, and with the unprecedented majority in both houses of the present legislature the time ought to be an equitable reapportionment bill.

When the Howell compulsory water works purchase bill was pending before the legislature two years ago it was enupon the water board exclusive power to dorsed by the Omaha Real Estate exchange with practical unanimity in the the contract of the water works com- face of its flagrant violation of the principle of home rule, as well as the mani fest risk assumed by the city in the by reason of abandonment of its right to and 5 per cent a month, or 60 per cent a construct water works of its own in case the appraisement of the existing works son, copartnership or corporation sup- was found to be excessive. What does source of supply; but while the east was plying such city, or any portion thereof, the Omaha Real Estate exchange say to responding halfingly, the west was finding with water for domestic, mechanical. Howell bill No. 2, which is now pending its own capital at home. There are bank-

While congress is discussing the fate city through contract or otherwise, or of the children of Porto Rico, where spondents to buy eastern commercial shall vote bonds for such purpose, then they have not enough school houses to paper for them that will yield them inand in such case said water board shall accommodate the pupils, it might turn have the sole power and authority to its attention to the Indian Territory, act on behalf of such city in all matters where a like condition has prevailed for all the national banks west of the river had pertaining thereto, including the ap- half a century, with no action by the outstanding \$220,192,811 of loans and dis-

The proposed bill limiting the authority of the legislature over senatorial elections to a canvass of the vote and a declaration of the election of the candidate receiving the highest vote of popu- dividual deposits of national banks in the lar choice is without question in conflict with the constitution, but its heart is in the right place.

authority and responsibility in municipal government and placing the government of each city wholly within control of its own inhabitants. Charter revisers in Omaha and Lincoln will do well to keep this in mind.

Philadelphia North American. Attempts to market legislative gold bricks and efforts to form monopolles with power too great to be left in private hands will something more than governmental super-

An Unpromising Spectacle. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The spectacle of the president of the

Pennsylvania railroad receiving United States senators in one of the committee rooms of the capitol is not particularly cattle. He discovered that most of the premising for the early success of the acministration's rate-control policy. New York Tribune.

General Stoessel is reported as saying that the real cause of the war was the ignorance of the Russian people of the fighting qualities of the Japanese. There "embarrassment of riches" in the is an knowledge Russia has since gained on this What's in a Name!

Among those implicated in the Oregon land frauds are: Horace Greeley McKinley, Stephen A. Douglas Puter, Emma Abbott Watson, Marle Antoinette Ware, Franklin Pierce Mays, Daniel Webster Tarpley, Andrew Jackson, John Doe and Richard Roe.

Washington Post.

Mistaken Impressions.

On what evidence John Morley bases his opinion that free trade is growing stronger in the United States would be hard to de The free trade party was neve worse beaten than in the last election And the tariff was the only semblance of ing such bonds at any regular election, a real issue they had on which to appeal along their line in that state, over 500 to the people. Free trude has relatively less support in this country now than at any previous time.

What the Hand Symbolizes.

Look where we will, we find the hand it time and history, working, building, in venting, bringing civilization out of barbar ism. The hand symbolizes power and the excellence of work. The mechanic's hand, that minister of elemental forces, the hand the world equally with the delicate hand Grecian urp, or the hand of a statesman that writes a law. The eye cannot say to work

Portland Oregonian

How country life is attracting a greater number of Americans every year is shown in no clearer way than by the increase in periodicals devoted to its various phases season brings them in greater numbers, until it seems as if the whole population must be interested in the country to the the subject. The easterner is told by one how to build a log cabin, and h another how to run a duck farm on a pond. Mountain cottages, lake cottages and forest makes the reader long to abandon the steam heated flat for a breezy country home with ohluka between the logs and holes in the roof

WHERE IS THE WEST!

Observers Are Discovering.

symposium on the west, its products dustries, push and the characteristics of February number of The World Today. James H. Eckels, comptroller of the cur ler contribute separate papers dealing with board, in computing the income of the various experiments conducted for the pur tivation

> Answering the question, "Where is the It would be easier to tell where is the That is always towards the Atlan-Boston is east to Cleveland; Chicago is east to Colorado, and everything this side of the Cascade mountains is east to the Pacific coast. It almost amounts this. The west is where a man is, the east is where he or his father came from. So it comes to pass that the west has !

fixed geographical limits like the south and nothing is simply a fool. New England It is something more than a geographical term. Like Boston, it is a state of mind. There are mountains and Omaha, has been painting the morals of rivers and oceans within the limits of which this state of mind is pre-eminently to be found, but it is to be recognized in other regions as well. You can tell a westhas been no change of relative erner as you can tell a southerner, sometimes by his speech, always by his attitude toward life.

The west means Americans who ontrolled by certain ideas and motives. mere statement. A republican form of But American does not mean Anglo-Saxon blood and ideas and habits of every people such an origin it could not be otherwise, enough alone. Provincialism in any arregant sense of the term you will not find outside of the thirteen original states of the union. On the to have failed, for any one to claim a proprietary right in omniscience. Lucking that, however convinced it may be of its the westerner is at home everywhere.

west James H. Eckels says:

It is only twenty years ago that the common rate of interest charged by banks in the interior of Kansas and Nebraska was compulsory purchase of the water works 3 per cent a month, or 35 per cent a year. year was by no means unheard of. new land was hungry for capital on any terms. It looked to the east as the only ers not yet gray who used to spend their time seeking eastern money that they might lend it at 30 and 40 per cent, who today are soliciting their Chicago correterest at the rate of 414 per cent a year. By the summer of 1898 the comptroller eport shows that on July 14 of that year counts and that they held individual deposits-that is, the deposits of persons, firms and companies as distinguished from the deposits of one bank with another-to the amount of \$328,670,822, which sums were respectively 14 per cent and 16.4 per cent of all the loans and discounts and all the in-United States. On November 10, 1904, the banks west of the river had \$747,679,980 of loans and discounts and \$785,743,868 of Individual deposits, or 19.8 and 21.2 spectively of the total for the United The tendency everywhere in this States. In other words, the national banks country is toward the concentration of west of the river made gains of 133 per cent in loans and discounts and 139 per cent in individual deposits, while the national banks in all the remainder of the country gained only 65 per cent in loans and discounts and 72 per cent in individual deposits. If you take only the ten typically west ern states and territories. North Dakota South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, the increase in loans and discounts in the same period was

> Mr. Covier calls attention to the activities of the railroads in promoting immigration and their efforts to insure the success of new settlers. Two instances are cited "Jim" Hill, president of the Great Northerr railway, personally purchased and presented to new settlers along his read in the Dakotas and in Minnesota thousands of blooded hogs and hundreds of pure bred settlers along the Great Northern were raising wheat, and he saw clearly that if a bad year occurred and a consequent crop failure resulted it would mean no business for his raliroad. Mr. Hill's effort was so successful that today the Great Northern carries more cattle and hogs t eastern markets than any of its competitors, and those same settlers have money in the banks. Another of Mr. Hill's hobbles is to send picked farmers from different communities along his line in North Dakota to the State Agricultural college at Fargo, free of expense, where they are

> taught practical and scientific farming The Burlington conducts experimen farms at Holdrege, Neb., and at St. Francis. Kan., where practical demonstrations are made with the Campbell system of deep soil culture. These farms are main tained for the explicit purpose of teaching the new settler how to entrench himself in the event of a dry year. A few years ago the Burlington management became convinced that the dalry industry meant much to the Nebraska farmers. Missionaries were sent among them preaching the great possibilities for ready and sure cash in the dairy business, with the result that while a few years ago no creameries were located are in operation today. The Nebraska dairy products for 1904 will not the farmers n ехсеня of \$20,000.000.

In Kansas and Oklahoma the Rock Isl and and Santa Fe systems are carrying on similar campaigns.

PERSONAL NOTES,

The first figure of a woman to be placed Statuary hall, Washington, will be that of Francis E. Willard, the temperance ad-It will be put in position on Feb runry 17.

Senator-elect Sutherland of Utah wishes it distinctly understood that he is not the son-in-law of John D. Lee of Mountain Meadow notoriety. His wife's family came from Virginia, "suh!"

J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased from King Leopold of Belgium the Canton-Hankow railroad and concessions in China. If the Japanese have any designs on China they had better hurry up. George Foster Peabody, banker and treas

urer of the democratic national committee is reported to have broken down physicall; and is now at his farm in northern New York. He is not seriously lil, it is stated. but his physicians have ordered a long rest and a change of scene.

The czar sometimes wishes privacy. his palace at Peterhof there is a summe dining house, so arranged that there need not be any servants present during th meal. A bell is touched at the end every course and the table and all its con tents descend through the floor, to reappea laden with the dishes for the next course.

STATE PRESS OPINIONS.

Columbus Lorenal: Judged by results we should say that the plan of nominating United States senators in state conventions has not been fully vindicated.

Beatrice Sun: There is an organization in Omalia called the "Advertise Omaha" committee. What is the use? Where Is Lawyer Thomas and Tom Dennison?

Fremont Tribune: Big grain elevators are being built at Omaha at a lively rate and that city is sure to become an important grain center. Its Gulf of Mexico ennection is the secret of its growing im Papillion Times: Whenever a man from

Douglas county introduces a measure in the Nebraska legislature they sit down or him on general principles-be he republican, democrat or pop. Can nothing good come from Douglas? Rushville Standard: The man who will

weekly pay double railroad fare for himself and his family in order that the railroad company may thereby be able to carry some one of its pets and his family for

Kearney Hub: Elmer E. Thomas, the attorney for the Civic Federation of the Gate City in very somber colors. All he says in his lecture in Chicago may be get busy in the political which and like true, but he went a good ways from home to wash solled linen. Many a desirable life reform movement has been queered by too is a good one and the more rigidly it is en much wind and too little moral backbone Lyons Sun: Should Senator Shreck's bill.

providing for local option by countles, be come a law, it would mean a yearly turmoil and election fight, with the increased beyond the Alleghebies. It is never strictly expense incident thereto in many of the random calendar pad, and expressed the speaking a matter of descent, but this is counties. It is generally conceded that no wish that both might be used. loubly true of that great region where state has a better law regulating the saloons and the sale of liquors than Neunder the sun are fusing into a new race. braska, and, unless absorate prohibition want now they need only mention it. The been promised repeatedly in republican Inevitably the west is cosmopolitan. With is desired, our legislators should let good calendar gives for each day a sentiment

to say that the investigation of the vari- sentiment for the 4th day of March is from ous political office holders all over the here to make good by the enactment of prairies too many men have succeeded United States can be traced to the camwhere according to all precedent they ought paign of education which has been going tough on Michigan, but helps out Nebraska on for several years, backed by the stans which President Roosevelt has taken. From nizing their friends, should look up the every quarter can be heard the voice of Pope when they want a bleyele, cadv. own superfority, the west is tolerant and an outraged people demanding to know free if. how this man was elected, what the immense campaign funds were raised for, and what that man will do if he is elected. It is time the coopie took a hand in the game of politics.

Crete Vidette Herald: Careful reading of the World-Herald for the past week convinces us beyond a doubt that that paper was the original Roosevelt organ of the state. Its only fear now is that Senatorelect Burkett will not stand right by the president in his efforts to thwart the railroads on the rebate question. It must be a matter of sore regret to such a conscientions, independent newspaper to remember that when Roosevelt was a candi date and needed support it was burling rocks at his devoted head and facetiously dubbed him the "trust buster" of the plains. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.

Bradshaw Republican: We wish we were as thick skinned as the railroad corporations are. Then we could do as we pleas and people and newspapers could say about us just what they pleased, and we would stand up and do business just the same. Nothing would provoke us into retailating or saying anything back; not even the Omaha Bee nor any other big paper could provoke us. Our business would be to do business, skin the public and let the people and the press do the talking. Our time would be too much taken up in business to pay any attention to the things that were being said about us. Nothing would ruffle or provoke us-see! O, for a heart like a railroad corporation.

Taylor Clarion: The Nebraska legislature has been duly organized and is in full running order. The railroad fellows bragged too soon what they were going to do, when the members sat down of them. It is the Clarion's opinion that th railroad people will learn before the winter is over that they do not own the en tire state of Nebraska. Railroads are nice phia Enquirer. things to have in the family, but that is no reason why they should act the hog We hope to see the legislature fix the revenue law so solid the railroads with have to pay their taxes without any ifs or ands. They have made their money of the people and we see no reason why they should not pay their just share of the run ning expenses of the state.

Blair Pilot: President Roosevelt one said that he would not stand for govern ment officials being perniciously active in politics, and the way the rural route or ganization got it, it would seem that he meant what he said. Down in Lincoln. when the house of representatives organ ized, Postmaster Sizer, it seems, got busy and took an active part-at least too active to suit some of the members, and Joe Burns introduced a resolution in the house that h he censured and that his case be referred to the president. The resolution was lost by a vote of 70 to 21. It's safe to say, how ever, that the president will hear of the resolution and the vote and with (wenty one members of the legislature voting to 'censure' it may be possible that the pres ident will take some note of the condition regardless of the seventy who voted to mother the resolution. There was a time when the wardheeler and political wire puller was rewarded for his work and when received his reward he was supposed to continue pulling the strings and the wires That time has gone into history and if one of Uncle Sam's employes wants to get in

A MATTER OF HEALTH

HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

line for a new job all be needs to do is to chances are good for a new job-in private The position taken by the president forced the better for the service.

Ainsworth Star-Journal Some weeks ago the Pope Manufacturing company sent the Star-Journal, with its compliments and with copy for \$1.50 ad., a 10-cent memowas not used, and is now mislaid, but if there is anything else that the Pope folks from some famous person extolling the bi-Falls City Journal: It is no doubt safe | cycle. It has just been discovered that the our illustrious friend, the Hon. Egra Perin Savage, governor of Michigan. This is like everything, and all our people, recog-

> Problem for Wiseacres. Bultimore American

How to make home happy is now occulying a prominent place in the attention of the former are introducing bills to white wifebeaters and one of the latter has offered a reward for a perfectly contented usband, with the stipulation that he must

WHITTLES TO A POINT.

Harvey had discovered the circulation of the blood.
"I hesitate to give it away," he said.
"It's less than half what the advertising manager has been claiming for it."—Chi-cago Tribune.

"Do you think that Eve are a quince instend of an apple."
"No. I don't. It wrecks the whole story No sane man would ever dream of asking for a bite of quince "-Cleveland Plain-

"I think that the government ought to take charge of the corporations."
"Yes." answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "But that is only a matter of opinion. Some of us corporations think we ought to take charge of the government."—Washington Finnegan: "Oh, yis, Oi can undershtand

Flunegali, how thim astronomers can cakilate the distance av a shtarr, its weight, and distance the show know its name. - Puck. Actor-Luck here, old man, I lend me \$5.00 in advance and

The Manager-But, my dear fellow, just supposing for the sake of argument, it couldn't pay you your first week's salary where would I be 5-Brooklyn IAfe. She-What is the use of searching for the

north pole, anyway?

He—Why, it would result in a great saving of money if found. of money if for

re expeditions to look for it.-Philadel

THE GIRL WHO SMILES

Mary A. Gillette in Youth's Companion The wind was east and the chimney smoked.

And the old brown house seemed dreary. wind was east and the chimney smoked, d the old brown house seemed dresry, nobody smiled, and nobody joked, young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked; ey had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door, and a girl came in:
O, she was homely—very!
Her nose was pug, and her cheek was thin.
There wasn't a dimple from brow to chin,
But her smile was bright and cheery.

She spoke not a word of the cold and damp. Nor yet of the gloom about her, But she mended the fire, and lighted the And she put on the place a different stamp From that it had without her.

Her dress, which was something in a som ber brown,
And with dampness nearly dripping.
She changed for a bright, warm, crimson And she looked so gay when she cam They forgot the air was nipping.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place.
And smoky from base to rafter.
And gloom departed from every face.
As they felt the charm of her mirthful

And the cheer of her happy inughter O, give me the girl who will smile and

sing.
And make all glad together:
To be plain or fair is a lesser thing.
But a kind, unselfish hear; can bris Good cheer in the darkest weather



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