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Agitation for a more beautifu! Omaha is always in order.

Omaha has again established its reputation as a center of musical culture by supporting real grand opera.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this lat day of March, 1905.

(Seal)

M. B. HUNGATE,
Notary Public.

By working for the state two days for nothing the legislature can give some return for mileage allowance at 10 cents a mile.

If Kuroki completes all of the turning out for him he will be dizzy before terms of peace are arranged.

French statesmen would be underthat of money borrowed to stop it.

of a regularly graduated physician.

coal. Now Admiral Togo knows what he will have to do if he is to add a few more ships to his collection of relies.

The next new Omaha charter ought to be framed and adopted by the people of for the aid or consent of any legislature on earth.

Now that the Interstate Commerce commisssion is to take a hand in the Missouri river rate on corn it is "up to" the gulf ports to prove their right to the differential.

If New York finally decides to tax transfers on the stock exchange this the statute books.

matter would be simply irresistible.

in the questionable "business" world negotiate directly and avoid an inter- they are not as high comparatively as may have to suspend operations as their national conference. Russia would the taxes in Omaha. That statement methods are made plain.

Council Bluffs has voted an independent telephone franchise which will give the city at the other end of the bridge a two-telephone system. Omaha would much prefer to have the experiment tried at the expense of Council Bluffs.

The decision of the czar to suspend the conscription law in Finland would indicate either that the peace sentiment is stronger in the heart of the Russian ruler than his advisers are willing to admit, or that he is not willing to trust to the loyalty of the Finns should they have to be depended on at a critical moment.

action druggists will be prohibited from will also take notice and set up in business for the sale of cocaine prescriptions at bargain counter prices

The Board of Education is now to be rigging and jobbery that has too often Britain and the United States, the offer was refused, and now comes the news accompanied the acquisition of school hearty sympathy of whose people sho sites in the past it will be hailed with has and also their confidence, as most

interviewed in Washington a few days ests in the far east are concerned, from ago and said that there is less inclina- Japan. tion in the Dominion toward annexation | The intention at Washington to ob-

years. orously for some years and this has led mand the resources to build up enterprises which will render them quite inqualified to take care of itself. It is but also of confidence in the present and probable that a majority of the Cana- future. dian people believe that the time is not far as the American people are con- inquiry is that "Business never looked cerned, extremely few of them, were better." they called upon to express themselves,

A RAILROAD PROSECUTION

It is reported that all preparations by full and see more business ahead. the federal authorities for the prosecution of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company, for the alleged granting of Illegal rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, have been completed and within a short time the case will be presented to a federal grand jury of the administration are confident it fore. will, the government will begin the prosprosecution may include not only the Paso & Southwestern railroad.

will be brought provides for the punish- step than at any time in past years. ment not only of the corporations which stood as insisting that money loaned to grant rebates, but also those which refine of not less than \$1,000 and not more procession. ernment's action to enforce the law will of commercial prosperity. be awaited with a great deal of interest Rojestvensky calls out that he needs for if the law is sustained by the courts

OUR GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE. cation when he goes to Colorado, other- should be requested by both belliger- to be tied up by an injunction? wise the temptation to try to get to the ents. This it is not probable will be real facts in the late Colorado election done. It is the understood intention of If Mrs. Chadwick tells all she is sup- begun. She does not desire an inter- suade the people to vote more bonds posed to know of "grafting" in her mediary. It appears to be the view in for parks and for a city hall by telling autobiography a number of lesser lights | Washington that the belligerents should them that although their taxes are high is so strongly with Japan.

ing the settlement the rights and in- city hall sites. terests of this country in the far east are not disregarded or imperilled. There is very little if any danger that they to respect our rights and interests and sale warehouses and factories, but the dently Newton thought there was a secret Russia is powerless to injure them. A time has come when trackage property good deal is being said about Japanese again threatens to fall short of the definal triumph. It is the opinion of bring in a large addition to the trackage ments is exhibited in the difference besome that in her pride of victory she area with a view to enlarging the facili-Cocaine fiends will take notice that as will seek to create a great Asiatic em- ties for Jobbbing traffic deserves serious soon as the new statute book gets into pire that may become a menace to the consideration. western nations, especially as to exdispensing their favorite article in this cluding them from the eastern markets. state except in response to a physician's Apprehension of this is not warranted prescription. We fear, however, that by any utterance of the statesmen of some people holding doctors' diplomas Japan. Perhaps there are men in that country of more or less influence who feel that Japan should seize this opportunity to expand and to become the dominating power in the east. Doubtless she will greatly strengthen herself vested with the power of eminent de and it is needless to say that her inmain for acquiring property for use as fluence and authority in eastern affairs sites for school buildings. Had the will be vastly increased. But the saboard enjoyed this authority in the past gacious and careful statesmen of Japan the taxpayers of Omaha would have will not do anything to make enemies been better off in pecket by thousands of the western commercial nations. Her upon thousands of dollars. If this ad- policy, it seems reasonable to suppose, dition to the school board's powers does will rather be to strengthen existing he was offered \$100,000 a year to take charge away once and for all with the thimble friendships, particularly with Great of the great Transsiberian railroad. This

A prominent citizen of Canada was has nothing to fear, so far as its inter-

with the United States than at any time | serve the traditional policy of the govduring the past fifty years. He stated ernment in keeping from foreign entanthat in Canada a general though not out- glements will be approved by the counwardly expressed feeling of resentment try. If the powers at war should ask at the American tariff leads the people the good offices of the United States in to stand entirely upon their own re- the interest of peace it would be a duty sources, which have been steadly and to the world to accede to the request, rapidly developed during the past few but unless such a request is made our government will make no attempt to There may still be a few people in the assume the role of peacemaker. Japan Dominion who believe, as do some peo is entirely competent to frame terms ple in this country, that it is the destiny of settlement without foreign advice and Russian provinces, notwithstanding the of Canada to become a part of the she should be free to do this so long as United States at some time in the future. her terms involve no prejudice or detribut the number of such is small and ment to the interests of any nation other they do not exert any influence on publishan her enemy. What can very confilic opinion. It is possible that American dently be predicted is that in the settletariff policy has had something to do ment of the present war Japan will not with the decline of annexation senti- submit to any such interference as she ment in the Dominion, but we are in yielded to in settling the war with China. clined to think that a much more potent. Not only has she demonstrated her influence is the industrial and com- ability to protect her interests, but she mercial progress and prosperity of that now has an ally that will not permit her country. Canada has been growing vig- to be deprived of the fruits of victory.

her people to feel that they have at com- OMAHA'S HEALTHY BUSINESS TONE commercial activity just now is the dependent of any other country and ul- healthy tone that pervades the entire timately enable them to separate from business circle. The atmosphere is one

"Omaha is on the up grade," is the refar distant when they will be in a po- mark that is heard on every side, and sition to declare their independence. So the most frequent reply to the direct

The best part of the situation is that would be found favorable to annexing. | these signs of business health are found There is a considerable number who almost without exception wherever one favor closer trade relations between the may search. The retail merchant and where it would be glad for anything that two countries, but taking the Dominion | the wholesale trader, the broker and the into the union is a very different matter. | manufacturer, the real estate agent and the insurance man, the big banker and free rural delivery, and he displayed a dethe small contractor, all have their hands gree of kindly sympathy which a casual

> This very tone of satisfaction and confidence begets business. The atmosphere is conducive to commercial expansion and enlargement of trade.

The number of concerns that are branching out by increasing their capital, adding to their lines, or merely at Albuquerque, N. M. If the grand jury moving from cramped confines to more returns an indictment, and legal officers roomy quarters is larger than ever be-

There is movement, life and growth a day in court. It is stated that the things. Big building projects are under way and new business enterprises are Santa Fe, but also the Colorado Fuel in process of promotion that promise movements the correspondents have cut and Iron company and probably the El to make it a notable year for Omaha. All the business interests of the city The law under which the prosecution are on the march and keeping quicker

Omaha is waking up to its own advantages. Enterprising men with capicarry on the war imposes a lien prior to ceive them. The penalty for the grant- tal to invest and new ideas to exploit ing or receiving of illegal rebates is a are heading this way to join in the

By virtue of the power vested in Gov- than \$20,000 for each offense. As this Omaha's healthy business tone is the preference in furnishing Russia war supernor Mickey the people of Nebraska will be the first case under the law re- best assurance of its continued and plies. But the Paris bankers have gone can still die without the aid or consent liating to rebates the result of the gov- steady onward march along the highway

An official spokesman for the water the effect will be to put an end to the board, discussing the injunction asked rebate evil, the practice of which, it is by the water company, declares that the not to be doubted, is still going on. The board was in no way disposed to take the great financial interests could stop the charge against the Santa Fe has been hasty action in reducing water rates given a very thorough investigation by because "the subject itself is so diffithe federal authorities and they believe cult and intricate that we wish to pro- No doubt their consciences will grow more Omaha without the necessity of waiting the evidence obtained is sufficient to as- ceed slowly and do nothing until we are active as their financial risks increase. sure an indictment of the company by a sure we are right." Just before the grand jury. In that case the Colorado last election the water-logged statesmen Fuel company would also be subject to were all clamoring for immediate reducindictment and prosecution as the re- tion of water rates by the city council without waiting even over night to investigate "the intricate subject," or to look into the relative differences be-While the American people would tween rate schedules here and in other most heartily welcome a cessation of cities. They proceeded on the theory hostilities between Russia and Japan that the last word had been said by the one tax may do more to stop stock and hardly any other nation has a publication of red letter water works gambling than all of the penal laws on greater interest in the settlement of that primers and denounced the council in great conflict, our government is stand- unmeasured terms. Why, then, should statements she is making in the Cleveland ing aloof and undoubtedly will con- the water board, with all its expert President Roosevelt will be on a va- tinue to do so unless its good offices membership, have hesitated and waited

South Omaha real estate brokers who Japan to deal directly with Russia have lots they wish to unload upon whenever negotiations for peace are the city are trying their best to perhardly ask American mediation because is decidedly open to dispute, but even they get for increased taxes? The in-It is therefore not likely that the terest on the bonds alone would get United States will be called upon to take pretty good city hall quarters without and will have only to see that in mak- not help the real estate men dispose of lionaire.

One thing that has made for Omaha's

Let Us Rejoice. Chicago News.

The fact that graft has been found in the Chinese mints shows the practice is not an exclusively American institution.

> Fatal Neglect. Washington Post.

It is asserted that Russia has no war maps of Manchuria. That's what Russia. gets for not watching the American newspapers, which have been printing revised litions of them dally.

> Burt and His Successor. Portland Oregonian.

Executive ability in its highest form has always been credited to American railroad men, and they have earned the reputation they enjoy. When Horace G. Burt gave up the management of the Union Pacific from Omaha that a similar salary has been offered him to take charge of the Panama

scribe to her new loan. This country it is interesting to note that Portland's good friend. A. L. Mohler, is winning new laurels by the excellence of his administration of the office vacated by Mr. Burt.

Seeking What Does Not Exist.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The trouble with the Nebraskan is he is ecking what does not exist-a royal road will have to come as a result of evolution and development and is not to be made to order by filling coupons or signing

## Rural Prosperity in Russia.

New York Tribune. St. Petersburg, like other capitals, publishes economic journals, and one of them of leading authority says that in many calamities from which the country in general is suffering, there is an unusual degree of prosperity. It declares that the financial outlook for the year is good and that the revenues will be easily collecteda note of encouragement sure of a home welcome, whether it turns out to represent he fact or not.

And You, Too, Mexico!

Philadelphia Press. Mexico takes an important step forward gilver on April 16. Its new monetary system, under which a peso or silver dollar will be valued at 50 cents gold, goes into effect on May 1. A stable currency will be of great advantage in its foreign trade, The most salient feature of Omaha's and will help the nation in other ways. It appears to be only a question of time when all pations will adopt the gold standard. That does not exclude the use of silver, only its use will be limited, while Great Britain and set up a nation fully not only of satisfaction with the past, there will be no restriction to the use of gold. The increased production of gold has greatly aided this movement.

### Sour Grapes.

Kansas City Times. The removal of the headquarters of the free rural delivery for this district will benefit Omaha so much more than it will complain. In Omaha every little helps, and all of her neighbors should be willing to chip in. Just think how Kansas City Omaha could do without. Postmaster-General Cortelyou showed great thoughtfulness in making Omaha the headquarters of the meeting with him would not lead one to suspect. Kansas City heartily congratulates Omaha on its good fortune.

### BANKERS' HARVEST TIME.

War Contributes Generously to Their Store of Wealth. New York World.

If Japan has found readler buyers for it forced to pay a very stiff price. In order to obtain a loan of \$150,000,000 at 41/2 per cent Japan has to make the ecution of the case as soon as it can get everywhere that are making for bigger price of 90 and pledge the net receipts of the government tobacco monopoly as se- proposed new level will require about 75,600 curity. The customs revenue had aiready

> at furnishing Russia more money even on be new and two modified to better fit the their own rigorous terms. They not only plaza scheme. Through these radiating exact a low price of issue for the bonds, streets and avenues large crowds of people but additional profits for themselves in will be able to enter or leave the station the shape of commissions and assurances that a large part of the proceeds of the provide ample space for massing troops loan shall be expended in French ship and taking care of the crowds upon occa yards. This was precisely Germany's con- sions of public ceremontals, such as take ditions when it took \$50,000,000 of Russia's place from time to time at the national previous loan. Germany was to have capital. so far as to interfere in Russia's policy has earned fame by relinquishing his per

It has been said that war is the harvest with its forced loans and immense conwar if they would. So far they have kept yielded to the influence of big bonuses. The statement that Russia has already lost 500,000 of the 775,000 men sent to Manchurla, without scoring a single victory, is enough to cause in the most during money lender a certain uneasiness of conscience over Russia's financial integrity,

# NO MYSTERY AT ALL.

Chadwick Financial Methods Shown to Be Quite Simple.

Chicago Inter Ocean. The so-called "mystery" of Mrs. Chadwick's financial operations turns out to be no mystery at all. That is, if the baukruptcy court are true. And the man whom she dealt with in the specimen case here to be considered is reported in press dispatches from his home to have refused to deny their truth.

According to Mrs. Chadwick, she received from Herbert D. Newton of Boston \$28,000 in cash and his notes for \$50,000, for which she gave her note for \$190,800. That is, for letting her use \$78,000 of his money and credit Newton was to receive a "bonus" or "commission" of \$112,800! The emotion to which Mrs. Chadwick successfully appealed is apparent. It was simply grasping greed

Just what means Mrs. Chadwick used of the fact that public sympathy here so, the question is, what returns would to arouse this emotion in Newton is unknown. Probably it was some of those papers purporting to be signed "Andrew Carnegie," and her assertions that she had some sort of a claim upon the property any part in the settlement of the war the cost of maintenance-but that would and consideration of a well known mil-

Doubtless she induced Newton to believe in a way, that she had some sort of upon Mr. Carnegie or others of great wealth. Evidently the claim in which Newgrowth as a jobbing center has been ton believed was not one which might be will be, for we can depend upon Japan the easy access to trackage for whole made openly in the light of day. Eviof some kind between Mrs. Chadwick and some man of wealth out of which he might make money. The character of ambition and aims in the event of her mand. The proposition, therefore, to Newton's belief in Mrz. Chadwick's statetween \$78,000 and \$190,800.

Plainly, the belief on which Mrs. Chadwick chiefly worked was that she might be a successful blackmaller. She found men who, in spite of their wealth, had no scruple in sharing in the profits of blackmail. Their conduct in lending her the amounts they did, under the circumare said to have exacted, admits of no other explanation than that they believed her a blackmailer, in the profits of whose probably successful crimes they were anx-

Evidently such men deserve no more sympathy for their actual or probable osses than does the financial backer of burglar whose enterprises fail. Unortunately, some of these men were cusbankers in banks more important in cities much larger than Oberlin, O .- bankers who terview prominent senators. It was dis use their depositors' money to promote shady enterprises and practically to fluance

To explain the existence and conduct of such men it is not necessary to suppose a "mystery" or to resort to "hypor any other extra-natural ele ment canel. It is a man of rare ability that can explains the whole transaction and leaves smply shown in their readiness to sub- refuse a \$100,000 position. In this connection the so-called "mystery" no mystery at all | need."

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched State Binding Twine Factory and on the Spot. The declaration of the chief of the polsor

squad. Dr. Wiley, that & per cent of the whisky with which mankind crooks the pregnant hinges of the elbow is dectored to democratic reorganization. If it comes partment to look into the business of houses, handling old redeve by means of tion is a crusade against houses doling out thing and old enough to raise the cockles of the heart. A fraud order has been ssued against a concern in Covington, Ky., which advertised to distill and sell twenty-year-old whisky at \$2.25 per gallon The concern made shipments of its stuff conditional upon the disposal by the receiver of four certificates at 50 cents each which were to be used by other customers as part payment for the company's althe scheme was a lottery and fraudulent inasmuch as its continuance was depend ent upon constant increase of new busiiess, and the goods sold were not manu factured by it nor anything like twentyyear-old.

Fraud orders were also issued against Abraham Rosenberg, who operated similar n closing its mints to the free coinage of fraudulent schemes in Kansas City, Mo. under the names of the Haydock Distilling company and Becker Brothers Distilling company. It is understood there are other similar orders in process of preparation.

> One of the largest and most important pieces of railroad work now in progress n the country is the erection of a magnificent union station at Washington and the construction of the necessary approaches to it. These terminal improvements will cost about \$16,000,000, and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will bear a large portion of the expenses. In addition It will have to lay a lot of new tracks and make other improvements required in the new terminal scheme, involving an expenditure of about \$4,000,000.

This means that the Baltimore & Ohio harm Kansas City that nobody ought to railroad will spend about \$10,000,000 on the entire work. The present expectations are of 1906, and one of the greatest achieve would feel it if it ever came to the pass | ments and benefits will be the elimination of every grade crossing, as all tracks will either go over or under the street cross-

> The terminal improvements are being made by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the Pennsylvania railroad. These two roads have formed the Washington Terminal company, under which the work is being directly done.

The Union station will be of monumenta design and be located on a low section of ground at the intersection of Massachusetts and Delaware avenues, the average elevation of which was about twenty-two feet above mean tide, which involves som decided changes in street grades. To simnew war bonds than Russia has in the plify those changes to some extent, pending negotiations in Paris, it is still grand plaza 500 feet wide by 1,000 feet long will be formed in front of the building It will be handsomely decorated with balustrades, terraces and fountains. To form the plaza and bring the streets to the cubic yards of earth, the fill being thirtybeen pledged for two foreign loans last five feet deep over a considerable area Nine separate and distinct streets will So far the French bankers have balked lead into the grounds, three of which will without difficulty, while the plaza will

A South Dakota veteran of the civil war by insisting upon peace negotiations, while sion of \$18 a month. He has written Com-Japan has been left free to follow its own missioner Warner that he has entirely recovered from the disability for which he was drawing a pension and that in justice time of the financier and investor, to himself and the government he must request that his name be stricken from tracts. Nothing is more certain than that the rolls. Commissioner Warner refuses to make the man's name public for fear of embarrassing him, and further because their moral scruples under control and he did not completely identify himself by giving the number of his certificate. Only one other instances of a veteran relinquishing his pension is known. Governor A. T. Bliss of Michigan did so because the people of his state raised a row when they found he had accepted a pension. Bliss is a millionaire.

When such indulgence is necessary the fed ral government allows its employes 'sick leave' 'of thirty days each year with full pay. Not long ago Wills Moore, chief of the weather bureau, discovered that three clerks had availed themselves of this privilege regularly every year for five years. Thereupon he promptly reduced their rank on the grounds that their official records show them to be physically unfitted for the higher grades in the serv ice. The health of the clerks in Prof. Moore's department is expected to improve with wonderful rapidity in consequence of this order.

General Ainsworth, the military secre tary, last week shipped about 500 old conederate flags to the governors of former ecessionist states. They went by express. Letters to the governors were also sent explaining the provisions of the Lamb law under which the captured banners in to the states whose regiments bore them during the civil war. All of the flags were posterity. The remainder of the 522 confederate ban-

ners that have reposed in the War depariment building for forty years could not be identified, so worn and torn are they. As there is no law covering their distribution they will be placed in boxes and stored away again, although there are a number of historical societies and other organizations that would like to obtain possession of one or more of them. The recaptured union flags now at the depart. ment have all been identified and arranged and they will be shipped to the governors of northern states, from New England to the far west.

When Representative Lucey of Iowa was climbing Capitol Hill near the close of he session he encountered a stranger. "Can you tell me, sir," was the inquiry where I will find Senator Allison's committee room"

"Go into the Capitol, yonder," replied Lacey, "and ask the first man, woman or stances and on the terms most of them child you happen to meet. That person will surely be able to tell you the way There is only one other place in this city better known

"What is that?" asked the stranger, "The Washington monument," replied the Oskaloosan

Among the recent cranks who have been

driven from the Capitol by Captain Me

grew and his force of policemen was a todians of trust funds. There are such lank, lean hungry looking specimen of hu manify, who made repeated efforts to in covered that the man was an agent and that he had a magic liquid for sale, which he called "Robinson's Restorer." "What does your liquid restore?" he was asked "Everything, pretty near," wasted fortunes." suggested a policeman 'It restores health, intellect, memory, good Just ordinary, everyday greed looks and youthfulness," retorted the man "and is just exactly what our senators WHERE WILL IT END!

Other Things. Washington Post order to fight the binder twine and

ordage trust the Nebraska legislature has appropriated \$250,000 with which to build nore or less, prompted the Postoffice de- and equip a factory for the manufacture of binding twine. The plant is to be constructed within the walls of the state prison mail orders. The result of the investiga- at Lincoln and is to be operated by the con cts. The twine is to be sold at cost to the Nebraska farmers, and if the experiment proves successful, an attempt will be made o find a market in neighboring states Binding twine is an article greatly in demand among the western farmers and it is the purpose of the Nebraska legislators to break down the monopoly, with consequent high prices, which the trust now enjoys. With Kansas endeavoring to produce narketable oil, and thus be independent of the Oil trust; with Nebraska entering upon the manufacture of binding twine and with a serious problem before con gress, which is practically governments control of the railroads, we seem to be approaching a condition of affairs which demands the careful consideration of students of economics. In his recent speed Philadelphia, President Roosevelf dwell at length upon the changed conditions which literally forced federalism upon the American people, and it is quite evident that he did not paint the picture in ex-

aggerated colors. The vast combinations

of commercial interests, better known as

trusts, are bringing the people face to

face with a grave situation.

Along certain lines the government is fready holding monopoly in check. War vessels are constructed in government vards, guns and ammunition are manu factured in government arsenals. Shall the experiment be carried further? Shall the government go into the manufacture and sale of sugar at cost, and shall it also undertake to furnish every citizen with oil? These are two great necessaries of life in the hands of gigantic monopolies, which manipulate prices for their own selfish ends, and without regard for the public welfare. The government now gives the citizens free education and provides messengers to bring his mail to him in order to save him the trouble of going to the postoffice. Why not rid him of the incubus of the monopolies, which weigh so heavily upon him in the struggle for existence? The question is a perfectly logical one, and if present tendencies continue, the answer will be federal

acculescence in the request. If Nebraska can manufacture binding twine with convict labor, and by escaping the expense attached to rent, light, heat and interest upon investment, can furnish the desired article at a low price to the farmer, there will be a natural denand for excursions into other commercial fields. There is no telling where the experiment will end. State abattoirs, state refineries, state shoe factories, state grocery shops-all these are the logical outcome of the step which Nebraska has taken.

It may be that Nebraska has gone the right way to reduce the price of binding twine. It may be that all the other movements in the direction of federal and state control are absolutely demanded by circumstances. We merely wish to invite attention to the fact that these movements are becoming more and more frequent. It may not be wise, it may not be ossible, to check them. It is obvious that they represent the direction of the popular mind, and they lead one to wonder what the end will be.

# PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Tarbell says that, having visited Kansas, she is convinced the state oil refinery would be a good thing. William Warner, the new senator from Missouri, when 6 years old began to earn

his own living as ore boy in a Wisconsin mine. The packers and canners of foodstuffs, in convention assembled, have declared for That puts them in line

"pure goods." with the rest of the country. After making \$1,500,000 in the last fourteen years out of the soil, I. D. Smith of Madison, S. D., the richest exclusive

farmer in the United States, has retired from active life. Eli B. Woodford of Woodbury county, Iowa, glories in being almost the homeliest man in that section. Yet about twenty-four years ago he won a silver cup

for being the handsomest baby in the The New York papers have given up reporting names and dates in divorce cases and confine themselves to printing the number of couples the court succeeds in putting asunder in a given time and the minutes and seconds required per couple.

Like a modern Haroun Alraschild, the sultan of Zanzibar has been wandering about London, seeing people and things of the great city for himself. The sultan went to school in England, speaks the language perfectly and found no difficulty in escaping special notice. Prof. Simon Newcomb, the famou

American astronomer, has just completed his seventieth birthday. He has received more degrees and similar honors abroad than any other American man of science. and is the first American member of the French institute since Benjamin Franklin. Editor Pulitzer of the New York World is doing his best to disprove the venerable superstition that the sons of preachers are the War department are to be turned over sure to be of the harum-scarum order. His business manager, treasurer, composing room foreman, mechanical superintendent marked, so that they can be displayed in and about a dozen other responsible emstate houses or museums if desired, with ployes, including two clever young women. histories attached for the edification of are sons and daughters of ministers. Two men in the sporting department are among the lot

# CREAM

Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

began the pen on the reporter's All began the pen on the reporter stesk. I am mightler than the sword.

"Oh, but look at me," retorted the editor's blue pencil.

"Huh! Of what use are you, pray?"

Well, to make a long story short."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"I see that another distinguished clergy-man says it is a misfortune to be rich." "Luckliy it is a misfortune that very few clergymen need guard against."—Cleveland

"Yes," said Alkali lie, quietly, "he died very sudden while playin poker."
"Heart disease?" queried the tourist.
"Well, now I reckon ye might call it heart spade, diamond and club disease. He had all four aces up his sleeve."—Philadelphia Press.

They are a source of great patriotic ride, said the president of the South

"To what do you refer?"
"Our debts. I can't imagine how we ever managed to accomulate so much credit,"—Washington Star.

"Curious about old Grumps. He never turns an applicant for charity away, but he shuts him off as soon as he begins to talk, hands him a coin and tells him to go."
"Yes; he seems to be full of the condensed milk of human kindness."—Chicago Tribune.

Midns had just found all he touched turned to gold.
"It's simply awful," he groaned; "I tried to lend Jones a quarter, and it turned to a five dollar gold piece right in my hand."

Perceiving how much money he would be out, he begged the gods to take back the favor.-New York Sun.

Lawyer-Why didn't you talk sensibly to your brother and try to dissuade him from going to law about this trivial matter?
Homespun—I did. I told him that lawyers were nothing but a pack of thieves who would cheat him out of his eyeteeth, but he wouldn't listen to sense.—Cleveland Leader.

## AMBITION.

Washington Star. When vernal sunshine aweeps the scene, Ambition thrives anew. Full many are the things, I ween, I started out to do.
The sands of time within the glass
Flow fast and never stop.
Tis years since I set out, alas;
To learn to spin a top.

I wound it carefully with string.
I hurled it to the pave.
It bounded like a living thing Full bent to misbehave.

A window smashed—a stranger gashed—
A shout of "Hi! The Cop!"

In constant fear of being thrashed I strove to spin a top.

How gracefully for other boys
It glided through the air!
How sweetly soothing was its noise
As it stood humming there!
Twas then I learned how often pride Is doomed to take a drop.

I tried and failed and tried To learn to spin a top

In spite of wealth and fame that spread Allurements more mature,
When skies grew bluer overhead
And song birds thrill secure,
And all the world is fair with youth,
I scorn the garnered crop
Of worldly things—to tell the truth
I'd like to spin a top.



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