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Merry Xmas to you.

Dally average

Thank you. Same to you.

It is bad form to look a Christmas gift in the price tag.

The open season for plum pudding will last several weeks yet,

The president admits that he was goldbricked by Goldfield, but will not bite twice.

"Beer is going up," says the Milwaukee Sentinel. That is not the usual course of beer in Milwaukee.

the hoarding habit in the near-panic of 1907.

Booker Washington advises colored men to give their wages to their wives. White men are not debarred from accepting the same advice.

Tom Lawson now asserts that he is a stock market wolf. Tom has been trying for a long time to make some

An Oklahoma man was defeated for speaker of the legislature because he

his successful rival wears a brass collar. "Japan is not worrying over the movements of the American fleet." says Baron Aoki, Naturally not.

Japan does not have to pay the coal bills. The fight between Congressmen Williams and De Armond has served to call attention to the fact that demo-

crats have some places on the house

committees. fidently expected in Nebraska from the is still doing much harm in the islands appointive powers at Washington, seem, for unexplained reasons, to have believe that they are ready for selfbeen delayed in the mails.

amount to about \$190,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000 over January of agents of this Boston society have last year. The recipient will have no gone to the extent of urging the Filicause for worry or complaint.

Official reports show that Uncle Sam has 2,600 islands in the Philippines, instead of the 1,600 originally reported in the deed from Spain. Those Spanfards have always been tricky traders.

Two-thirds of the girls who go on the stage should be in the kitchen cooking," says the Birmingham Age-Herald. It would not do. The country is already suffering enough from bad cooking.

While Admiral Evans is gotting a good share of the lime light, he is fortunate in not being suggested ... the democratic presidential nomination or having a house given to him by admiring Americans.

that England must keep a navy equal of their own. He talked with leaders ness threatens to resolve itself into a tural and other resources of the islands. matching of purses.

start in the new world. There is no port, protection and encouragement of wants a currency commission ap-

CHRISTM AS

Away with the man whose iconoclasm leads him to dig into musty records in search of the origin of Christmas. Suppose the ancients did have a holiday, a carnival, a saturnalia, along time fixed by some of the students for Is it not enough that the Christ child | mate result. was born, and that with His name the world now associates the most joyous of all festivals?

folding, when for once the heart is son for manifesting the spirit of true open, and there is more joy in giving Christian charity. The Christmas festhan in receiving. Has the day out- tival is supposed to emphasize the grown its original purpose? Hardly, teachings of Christ calling for for-Time was, no doubt, when

A Christmas gambol oft would poor man's heart through half the But mankind has progressed since that day, and so has Christmas. The gambol may be forgotten in the cares wantonly perpetrated by professed that press the day following, but the spirit of Christmas survives, and the unquestioned influence of the day is likely to linger long into the later coming months. If it softens any of life's asperities, if it smooths a single furrow from the brow of care, it is a good

But Christmas is doing more than 36,100 of the year in respect for doing good to others. The altruistic aspect of society is more than ever a dominant factor in the progress of the race. Mankind is daily seeking more and more to do good, merely for the sake which this is more apparent, but the Christmas spirit is gradually extending over the world, so that all mankind feels its uplift daily.

JANUARY DIVIDENDS.

Estimates by financial experts of January dividend and interest payments indicate that, in spite of deferments and reductions due to the recent financial flurry, the total will be bitterness of their sad lots. something like \$20,000,000 in excess of those for January last year.

Analysis of the figures is particularly interesting as showing that the legitimate interests of the country have been reasonably prosperous, however unfortunate have been the results have been reduced and some of them passed, but this is due almost entirely to stock manipulation, the concealment of facts relating to overproduction and the failure to maintain combine prices in face of a falling demand. Increased dividends have been making textile fabrics.

tion of federal and state laws, the divwill be largely in excess of those of January, 1906, which was one of the best months in the history of Ameri-Lake Shore, the Michigan Central, the Santa Fe, the Chicago & Northwestvania, and the Atlantic Coast line have increased their dividend rates statement that would go unchallenged. and the record fails to show any road all fixed dividend charges.

The banking interests, so far as rewore a tall linen collar. Wonder if ported, have had a normally good year and dividends will be as liberal as usual. With an easier money market; a lower cost of raw materials and a possible reduction in the cost of labor from the extreme high level makes the outlook for the railroads and industrial companies for the coming year reasonably bright.

MR. TAFT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

The one disturbing feature of Secietary Taft's verbal report on the conditions in the Philippines is that the society of busybodies down at Boston, Several juicy Christmas plums con- known as the anti-imperialist league, by its attempts to make the Filipinos government and that a Bryanite victory in the United States next year Dividend payments for January will would be followed by immediate independence. The secretary asserts that pinos to open revolt against American rule in the islands and has assured them that such action would meet with the approval of the majority of the American people,

Secretary Tait is not given to making groundless charges and his statements are doubtless capable of being supported by trustworthy evidence. In that event, the Boston clique is engaged in a high-handed business that should be properly labelled. Mr. Taft's report on conditions in the islands must be accepted by the American people as coming from the highest auhority. He was the first governor general of the archipelago and has done more than any other man to advance the progress made by the Filipinos since their release from Spain. On his recent visit, he saw the Fili-The British war minister asserts pinos assembled in a lawmaking body to the combined navy of Germany and and visited the interior, where he obthe United States. This naval busi- served the development of the agricul-As the result of these observations and conferences, the secretary declares \$21,000 in round figures and those of Nearly every steamer from Europe that the Filipinos, while making rapid C. C. Wright foot up \$14,000, with Ab. Virginia. in all this world there is brings over a number of young women progress in all lines, will not be ready who are to become the wives of immi- for self-government, for years and grants who have made a stake and a must, in the meantime, have the sup-

helpfulness and thus disarm the agi- this session is by no means assured. tators who are spending time and money to thwart the American policy.

The great majority of our people about this time of the year? It merely will accept Secretary Taft's report of supports other evidence that the an Philippine conditions without question. cients were wise in their day. And While the problem is most troublewhat if the twenty-fifth day of Decem- some, it will have to be solved in an ber does not coincide exactly with the enlightened manner and willful inaction on our part can not fail to hinder the historic assembly at Bethlehem? rather than help attaining the ulti-

WANTED-CHRISTIAN CHARITY. in every civilized land throughout This is a day of gladness and re- the world the Christmas tide is a seagiveness and help to unfortunate humanity. But the Christmas celebration, in this year of our Lord 1907, comes upon Cmaha in the wake of an exhibition of almost incredible cruelty Christians, that would do violence to the darkest era of the middle ages. A crusade instituted under the false banner of reform has set out upon the street in midwinter, without a moment's warning notice, three-score and more social outcasts who, yet after all, are women formed in the image of their Creator, this. It is the culmination, perhaps, apparently for no other reason than that they had become tenants of a landlord who had fallen into disfavor.

The social evil is a subject which it is difficult to discuss in the hearing of indiscriminate ears, but the social evil is an institution which we have always of doing good. Christmas is a day-on had with us and which in all probability will persist until the millenium. People may disagree as to what treatment should be accorded the unfortunates of the half world, but there can be no disagreement that they are entitled to be treated with considerations of humanity and that any efforts in their behalf should be directed not to their effacement, but to their redemption and to the alleviation of the

As in some of our larger cities, the long established practice in Omaha has been to segregate these people in a proscribed district where they may obtrude least upon the public and carry on their existence subject to police surveillance, with the smallest harm of dealings in speculative securities. to the community. In Omaha the pol-Most of the copper company dividends | icy has always been to leave it to these poor women to determine for themselves how they should live-whether as independent occupants of their habitations or as members of a house of bondage. If this policy is wrong it should be changed, but it should be changed deliberately and with due reordered in fifteen of the largest man- gard for the rights of those affected. ufacturing corporations, chiefly those it should not be changed over night by the summary arrest and penalizing return to their poor apology for a idend payments of railroad companies home, which yet to them is the only

home they have. In the discussion of the social evil and more especially in relation to the can transportation interests. The recent outbreak of fanaticism and malice here in Omaha, well-meaning but misled reformers who are willing ern, the Union Pacific, the Pennsyl- to see the other side can have their eyes opened by reading what that ward Hartpole Lecky, has to say in of importance that has failed to meet his "History of European Morals," is taken:

"Under these circumstances there 'has arisen in society a figure which "is certainly the most mournful, and "in some respects, the most awful "upon which the eye of the moralist "Thank God! He Lives and Will Live "can dwell. That unhappy being "whose very name is as shame to "speak, who counterfeits with a cold "heart the transports of affection, and Claus. "submits herself as the passive instru-"ment of lust, who is scorned and in-"sulted as the very vilest of her sex, "and doomed, for the most part, to 'disease and abject wretchedness and "an early death, appears in every age 'as the perpetual symbol of the deg-"radation and sinfulness of man. Herself the supreme type of vice, she is "ultimately the most efficient guard-"lan of virtue. But for her, the un-"challenged purity of countless happy 'few who, in the pride of their un-"tempted chastity, think of her with 'an indignant shudder, would have 'known the agony of remorse and despair. On that one degraded and ig-'noble form are concentrated passions "shame. She remains while creeds 'and civilizations rise and fall, the 'eternal priestess of humanity. 'blasted for the sins of the people."

Congress will try hard to adjourn before the middle of June in order that members may get away to attend the big nominating conventions. That means that the regular legislation will have to be crowded along and take the right-of-way to the exclusion of all new measures except those of the utmost importance. The last congress was known for its record of great achievements, but the present congress is more apt to distinguish itself there are unseen and unsecable in the by doing little or nothing.

Those high priced water board attorneys took care to draw their Christmas presents in advance. The aggregate payments to John L. Webster out of the water fund to date foot up more to come.

Representative Burgess of Texas

that coregress should legislate for the of congress. Members are beginning Filipinos in a spirit of liberality and to admit that currency legislation at

> A Growing Feeling. Indianapolis News. Judging from the evidence before the interstate commerce commissioner, the shippers have come to feel that the railroads are overdoing it with their all-the traffic-will-bear policy.

Deferred Vaudeville.

Minneapolis Journal. Mesers, Fish and Harahan having adpourned their vaudeville stunt to March t, many people wonder whether this interesting pair of persons ever expect to ge beyond the typewriter stage of combat.

A Superflous Question. New York Post. The question whether a corporation can

advertise to practice medicine has been brought before the courts. If there is one thing which a corporation cannot do in this country we shall be glad to hear of it Marvelous Patience. Chicago Record-Herald. The treasurer of a Canadian railroad has And

confessed that he has been stealing from the company for eighteen years, having in that time taken \$180,000. It will be difficult for some of our American grafters to understand how any one could possibly exercise such patience,

bright skies and good times ahead of us. Those who have been "hit" should cheer up, and those who are unburt should loosen their purse strings, and all of us should others "A Merry Christmas."

Business Righting Itself.

Philadelphia Record. Trade is not booming as it did before an eye. It would be folly to deny it. On It came to us it unbidden rise, ish to insist that the setback has stopped the wheels. There is no longer a roaring, Such heedless, onward rush; but there is a steady volume of wholesale and retail transactions that will compare favorably with the business of soberer years when the tide of prosperity was not in so large part made up of speculative foam. There has been a slowdown; but no stoppage. The business of the country is righting itself as fast as could be expected and

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY.

Brotherhood.

The Christmas Message of "Universal Cardinal Gibbons in New York World. The nativity of Christ the Lord ushers into the world the Christian religion, which proclaims among many other things the law of universal brotherhood. Unlike the sanguinary faith of Mohammed, which subsists only under despotic rule, and which demands the surrender of one's faith as the highwayman demands the traveler's purse, at the point of the sword, the Christian religion flourishes under every system of government, from an absolute monarchy to the freest republic. Unlike the school of the pagan philosophers, which was restricted to a narrow circle of disciples, the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed to Jew and Gentile, Greek and barbarian, to bond and free. Like the air of heaven, which ascends the highest mountain and descends into the deepest valley, vivifying Historians will have to give Santa Claus the credit for curing people of railway managers against the opera- landlord and arbitrary edict against religion permeated every statum of society, rifying and invigorating the moral world. It has a message for the capitalist and the laborer, for the master and the servant, for the rich and for the poor. In the words of St. James, It warns the capitalist against the sin of labor-oppression: hold the hire of your laborers who have reaped down your fields, which by fraud has been kept back by you, crieth; and the cry of them hath entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth" (St. James, v., 4). It admonishes the laborer to perform his work with fidelity, "not serving to the eye, great moral philosopher, William Ed- as it were pleasing men, but doing the will of God from the heart." The most enlightened political enonomist never formulated a sentence so simple, so comprehensive, so from which the following brief extract effectual, as is contained in these words: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This principle, if properly applied, would solve every labor problem that perplexes

the minds of statesmen. 'NO SANTA CLAUST"

Forever "for Children." New York Sun. Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa

homes would be polluted, and not a shout him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! 'that might have filled the world with It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make toierable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairles! You might thunting all the youngsters out.

get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch the has get the laughs if you said touch them off by what you do see the control of the chimneys of the chimneys on the catch the control of as well not believe in fairles! You might Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairtes dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody conceive or imagine all the wonders world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is If you can't use it yourself a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, romance, can push uside that curtain and view and picture the supernal

from now, Virginia; nay, ten times ten lines and Making one of all the creeds.

thousand years from now, he will continue Making one of all the creeds.

Now, will you be merry?

-W. J. LAMPTON.

POETIC SENTIMENT OF THE DAY

That Sweet Story of Old. I've read the dearest story. Of a baby in the hay, Who looked at all the bossy That stood not far away. They put Him in the mange

And covered Him with at e was the dearest baby, Mamma, you ever saw! I wonder if He liked it.

To see the stars so bright, And did He cry, I wonder, When they peeped in at night.

His name was meant to please us— Such a beautiful, sweet word. His name, mamma, is Jesus, The sweetest ever heard. In my book I read the story,

This very afternoon, And it told me of His glory; Please try to read it, soon Chicago. -M. ELIZABETH FARSON.

The Christmas Feeling.

It always comes at Christmas time, the tugging at the heart.
The memories that run to rhyme without the rhymester's art.

A little song that feels its way along the path of sound.

Now low and sad, now swift and A little song that reess its way and path of sound,
path of sound,
Now low and sad, now swift and gay, until the chord is found.
And all the winds are singing it and all
the bells are ringing it
Wherever we may wander and wherever
we may roam we may roam.

Its measures come enthraing us, its liltlug cadence calling us
With never any other than the simple word
of "Home."

It always comes when days draw near Cheer Up.

New York Herald.

The panic is behind us; its wreckage is being rapidly cleared away and there are bright skies and good times ahead of us.

It always comes when days draw hear when hearts are young again, When each is wafting words of cheer toward his fellow men.

The humble song that claims no grace of form, or thought, or style, But in whose rhythm we may trace the may trace the n whose rhythm we may trace the nshine and the smile— leart is ever beating it, the lips, too, art is ever beating it, the lips, too, repeating it; s its way to all of us across the

> The holly berries gleaming red, the swept and garnished floor, ne children romping overhead, the stranger at the door, ne welcome in the clasping hand, the The e welcome in the clasping hand, the lovelight in the eyes— came to us in every land as dreams Its murmered strains must capture us, so dulcet they and rapturous;
> Such words as are not written in the most impressive tone—
> The simple words, the clinging ones, the soothing and the singing ones
> Are all blent in the heartbeats to the cheery word of "Home."

always comes at Christmas time and finds us where we are, Though we have sought an alien clime beneath an alien star, Though we have wandered far and wide facing the new situation with courage and confidence.

Sought much and found it not, it comes across the wind and tide, this cadence unforgot, and all the bells are ringing it and all. the breezes flinging it Wherever we may wander and whatever ways we roam
It comes all surely seeking us, with memories bespeaking us,
With never any sweeter than the simple word of "Home."

Chicago Post.

Story of the Holly Sprig. "I'd be the shinlest green,"
Wished once a sprig of holly,
"That e'er at Yule was seen,
And deck some banquet jolly!"

"I'd be the cheeriest red,"
Wished once the holly berry,
"That e'er at board rich spread
Helped make the feasters merry!"

Down dark and slient courses, For each wish is a word To those far-hidden sources. All summer in the wood,
While they were riper growing,
The deep roots understood,
And helped without their knowing.

The life within them heard

In a little market stall At Yule the sprig lay waiting. For fine folk one and all Passed by that open grating.

he eve of Christmas day It had been passed by many one turned not away And bought it for a penny.

ers was a home of care Which not a wreath mad The only Christmas there
Was that sweet sprig of holly.

"Oh, this is better far That banquet!" thought the berry! The leaves glowed like a star And made that cottage merry! -Arthur Upson in St. Nicholas. At the Manger.

When first, her Christmas watch to keep, Came down the silent Angel, Sleep, With snowy sandals shod, Beholding what his mother's hands Had wrought, with softer swaddling bands She swathed the Son of God.

Then, skilled in mysteries of Night, With tender visions of delight She wreathed his resting place, Till, wakened by a warmer glow Than heaven itself had yet to show. He saw his mother's face. -John B. Tadd in the Atlantic.

The Poor Millionaire.

In these, your days of Christmas cheer, When all your world is bright and fair, Find time, good folks, to drop a tear Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? VIRGINIA HANLON.

115 West Fifty-fifth street.

Virginia your little friends are wrons. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe, except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth

When all your world is bright and tar. Of pity for the millionalre. He doesn't know the simple joys Of ante-Christmas shopping time, Of picking over gifts and toys. To find a bargain for a dime; Of making out the list at night. To see what money's left to spend, Perhaps to ponder if you might. Be safe to cut a certain friend Who hadn't sent you anything Last time, though you remembered him—Ah! then the joy of rummaging In closets for oid toys to trim The tree this year. That Christmas tree! Poor millionalre.

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In these, your days of Christmas cheer,
When all your world is bright and fair,
Give thanks, good folks, and drop a tear
Of pity for the millionaire.

—T. A. DALY.

This is the Day.

and you'll feel rounder. Listen! Listen! Hear the kids! All of them have got their ilds Ripped clean off; and oh! don! Keep wide open Christmas day? Mighty little makes a child augh and clan its hands like wild. ve that little; go about See? And there are others-grown-ups-

Are bitter; say. Drop in some sweet tods Darn your gloomy skin, Butt in! And even if you do think Christmas is on the blink, d nobody will know it. And mingle awhile And somebody will hand you a pleasant

Pass it along; It won't go wrong. De something for somebody; Darn you, do You think everything Must come to you? Do something for somebody, beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?
Ah. Virginia. In all this world there is nothing else real and shiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia: nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continus

Then.

Well. O women and men, Christmas from the gifts it brings to you; it is Christmas, real Christmas, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, the will continus

Then.

Well. O women and men, Christmas from the gifts it brings to you; it is Christmas, real Christmas, real Christmas, real Christmas from the gifts it brings to you; it is cheering by the deeds the great from now, will be deeds the great from now, be will continue. ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON

Current Events Gleaned From the Army and Navy Register. The army signal office has completed the specifications for the dirigible balloon, upon

requests have been received for copies of the specifications, but some of these repre a few days the chief signal officer will have ready for distribution the new specifications for the heavier-than-air flying malater imposed. Much will depend and must necessarily devolve upon the bidders who oats. are requested to submit their own designs. General Allen is in receipt of numerous letters on the subject, and some idea of the development of the art of mechanical flight may be obtained from the fact that two patents a week are being issued to inventors. This is the opportunity at last for theorists who possess what they believe to be valuable information concerning aerial navigation to obtain difficial recognition.

In some respects the most important question which will be taken up by the secretary of war on his arrival in Washington will be the reports of the retiring boards before which were ordered those army officers who failed to take, or who failed in taking, the horsemanship test. The War Department is in receipt of documentary representations that executive disapproval present cheerful faces to our neighbors and a cheerful word and gift to the unfortunate and make it for ourselves and others "A Merry Chrisimas."

It may to all of us across the sands and foam, and back along the olden ways, the unforgotten golden ways, we have in memory, led by the simple in that of Colonel W. L. Marshall, the engineer officer in charge of important river gineer officer in charge of important river and harbor work in New York. It is probable that the question will reach the White House for a final determination of departmental policy in matters of this kind. Those who are familiar with Mr. Roosevelt's ideas on the subject entertain no doubt that he will favor the transfer from the active list of all officers who fail to meet the prescribed requirements of skill and endurance on horseback. In the meantime a bill has been introduced in anticipation of the need of "protecting" certain officers from re-

Much interest attaches to the results of the

loon and the heavier-than-air mechanism.

The War department has returned to the project of an aeroplane flying machine. and upon the recommendation of the board of ordnance and fortification the chief signal officer of the army is preparing specifications and will invite bids for furnishing such a device, Already the Wright Brothers, who have been prominent in work of this kind, have signified their intention of submitting a bid. This is, however, unintentionally, a tribute to the late Prof. Langley, whose request for an additional allotment of \$5,000 was refused in 1903. Had this money been allotted, undoubtedly Prof. Langley would have solved the problem He suffered ridicule and rebuke from the newspapers and from congress and was deserted by the War department at a critical moment, mainly for the reason that he was fifty years in advance of his govern

ment. In an account of a dinner given in New York a few days ago, General Grenville M. Dodge was spoken of as "one of the five surviving major generals of the civil war." An inquiry directed to the War department brings the response that the records on file at Washington do not give the names of the living officers who held the rank of major general during the great of his service and who realize fully the strife of 1861-65. However, an officer on loss which his retirement brings to the duty in the War department says that "it is understood from unofficial sources that of the union officers who held the rank of major general, Grenville M. Dodge, Beniamin H. Grierson, Oliver O. Howard Wesley Merritt, Nelson A. Miles, Peter J. Osterhaus, Daniel E. Sickles, Julius Stahel and James H. Wilson are living. The confederates of the same rank, now living, are Simon B. Buckner, Samuel G. French Alexander P. Stewart, Stephen D. Lee, Will T. Martin, Robert F. Hoke, Camillus J. Polignac, Matthew C. Butler, G. W. Curtis Lee, L. L. Lomax and Thomas L. Rosser.'

Very little attention will hereafter be paid to the subject of visual signaling in the army. It is realized that the wireless telegraph and wireless telephone have supplanted the old methods of communication. The picturesque employment of the flag is a thing of the past and the night signals are destined in the next war to be used rarely, if at all. This is all in the direction of reducing to the minimum the work which is visible to the enemy. Probably the last of the acetylene lanterns, which have been used with much effect in the past, are now purchased under the contract which has just been placed.

It is possible that the chief signal officer of the army will be added to the personnel of the Army Board of Ordnance and Forti fication. A reason for this is found in the fact that the board has to consider constantly increasing subjects which come under the chief signal officer. These relate to the methods of communication at military posts, coast defense stations and in the field, and the problem of aerial navigation, of which the War department has lately shown considerable favor.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The New York speculator who found his margins had been wiped out, and immediately wiped out the broker and himself was a bad loser. Prof. Albert Ross Hill of Cornell, form-

erly dean of the teachers, is soon to suc-

ceed Dr. Richard H. Jesse as president of the University of Missouri. At Atlanta university on December 31 Edward Twiebell Ware, son of the first president and founder of the institution, will succeed as the third president of the

university to his father's great work. Richard T. Crane, the millionaire philan thropist, has presented property valued at \$50,000 to the Hull house, Chicago, as tribute to his first wife, the mother of his seven children. It will be known as the "Mary Crane Memorial Day Nursery." Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota

remarkable likeness to former Senator John A. Logan. His coal-black hair, eyes, mustache and massive figure make him a striking figure on the floor of the senate. George N. Wade, sculptor to King Edward, has arrived in New York to study our men and women. He will remain in New York a short time and then go west. There is only one piece of the sculptor's work in this country. That is a drinking fountain ordered by Francis Willard and set up in Chicago.

Lam the Christmas pocketbook, As flat as flat can be; There is no way, by hook or crook. To find a thing in me. I'm down and out; I'm frayed and worm, But glad I've played my part In buying little rays of morn. To light some loving heart!

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the junior senator from that state, bears a

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

Tecumseh Journal: "Well, let her panic," remarked a contented Johnson county farmer the other day. "Cellar full of petatoes, bins full of wheat, cribs full of corn, which bids will be invited. Some thirty plenty of fat hogs and good cattle, weed pile high as the house and money in the bank. Guess those Wall street fellows who sent the desire of scientific people and pub- have been poking fun at us farmers will lications to obtain the document. Within sit up and take notice of our food supply before the winter is over."

Bridgeport Blade: Good news travels slowly, and here is a statement that proves These specifications had to be the proverb to be a true one: We have drawn in most general terms, owing to known for some time that Cheyenne county the fact that there is very little upon is a great oat producing one, but little did which to base the requirements. General we think it stood first in Nebraska. The Allen will specify that the new machine crop for this year averaged thirty-eight shall be capable of carrying two men, with bushels per acre and 15,862 acres were requirements of endurance, which will be harvested, making a total of 189,886 bushels, with a cash value of \$72,186. Moral, plant

Beatrice Express: The Nebraska primary law makes specific provision for state conventions to select delegates for national conventions, and Chairman Hayward of the republican state central committee favors the old plan on account of the assurance of less expense and more enthusiasm. Regardless of opinions for or against a primary, the law on the point raised is so plain that it would seem to leave no doubt opening of bids for both the dirigible bal- to do. as to what the state committee would have Kearney Hub: After less than a year of

experience with the new railroad law in this state Burlington officials announce that they will make every effort to conform diereto during the year 1908. Passes will be issued only within the strict interpretation of the anti-pass law, and doctors and lawyers not regularly employed and who do not devote a majority of their time to the work of the company will be cut off, as the law directs. All rebates and discriminations will be cut out, complaints against the road for service or otherwise will be taken up promptly at headquarters and speedy adjustments will be made. This is important, if true, Let us hope that it is true. Next!

Callaway Courier-Tribune: Today the difference between live hogs and dressed pork is so much that it is a wonder that our farmers will continue to sell their stock at from 3 to 4 cents a pound and buy the finished product at from is to E cents a There are many things that we pound. have to buy in the finished product, but there is no farmer who cannot make a smokehouse to smoke his meat or furnish a barrel to cure his pork. As it is, we ship our hogs to Omaha, pay the freight there and the commission, then pay all the expenses for shipping the article back and the profits for the several different men that handle it. All of which comes out of the consumer. It would seem like a very profitable business for the farmers to get more pork barrels and smokehouses and attend to this matter themselves. It would certainly induce the pork packers of the nation to give the farmers a little more for the raw material.

Aurora Republican: Carl J. Ernst, who formally retired from the Board of Regents last week, leaves behind him a record of service never excelled by any other state official in Nebraska and a record which entitles his name to a high place in the roll of honor of Nebraska citizenship. The service rendered by the regents of the university is of such nature that it falls but little under the public eye and the people generally know little about the work performed by the six men who serve the state's greatest educational institution without pay. Therefore it is only the associates of Mr. Ernst on the Board of Regents and the administrative officers of the university who have known the great value university. While not himself a college nan, his years of training as tree the Burlington railroad, supplemented by a bigness of heart and mind, a genuine enthusiasm for higher education, and a real genius for doing things, gave him the very highest qualifications for service as a member of the executive board of the university. Mr. Ernst's personality was a real inspiration to his associates. And his self-sacrificing service to the institution which he helped to direct sets an example for public service which will be of value in future years.

PESTIVAL FUN.

The man who mutilates Christmas into Kmas should be crossed out. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Have you inquired whether your pros-pective son-in-law's title genuine?"
"No," answered Mr. Cumrox. "He has very graciously refrained from evineing any curiosity as to whether my money is curiosity as to whether my money tainted."-Washington Star.

"Do you see that man across the street?"
"Yes; whe is he?"
"The greatest fellow for giving you hot air you ever came across. "Oh, a bluffer."
"Not at all. He is at the head of a big heating company."-Baltimore American

Fashionable Mother-Will my daughter resnionable address.

e a success as a singer, Professor?

Professor (with unrecognizable sarcasm)

Ach, yes, dear madame. She sing so loud
is beoples what come to hear her can't year what dey is saying to one anoders.

"It was Shakespeare, wasn't it, who said,
"Throw physic to the dogs?"
"I believe so, but you must remember
that they had highly educated and valuable dogs in vaudeville when he said it.' Chicago Record-Herald.

This notice was posted in a pleasure boat belonging to a certain steamship company; "The chairs in the cabin are for the ladics. Gentlemen are requested not to make use of them till the ladies are seated."—Harper's Weekly.

"Of course, the earrings are quite pretty," pouted the spoiled wife," but the stones are very smail."

"But, my dear," replied the foxy husband, "If I'd got larger ones they would have been out of all proportion to the size of your ears,"—Philadelphia Press.

"I went to the theater last night."
"What did you see?"
"A play called Hamlet."
"How was it?"
"Fair, only fair. A good lively sextet would do it a world of good—Louisville

Courier-Journal. "Funny thing about a man's tongue," Go shead," said Markley, "let's have

"When it's thick the excuses he makes his wife are too thin."-Catholic Standard and Times. "Josiah, this paper says a lot of people are petitioning to have their names hanged. Does is cost anything to have hat done?"

"Yes: It cost me, as nearly as I can re-member now, \$12, including fee for license, to have your name changed from Bilder-back to Chugwater."—Chicago Tribune.

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nertl in finingration of that kind. the American government. He urges pointed to report to the next session to make glad the heart of childhood.