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the initiatory steps to acquire the Berlin Street Railway company, which has practically a monopoly of the street railroads of Berlin and its suburbs, and to operate roads upon the joint account of the municipalities. The company has a capital of \$25,000,000."

Mr. Tillman has introduced in the senate a resolution asking the committee on immigration to investigate the effects of the Chinese boycott of American goods.

Governor Pattison of Ohio is ill and his friends are considerably worried.

The Standard Oil company announces that it will withdraw from the state of Illinois because of threatened suits against it.

It is reported that District Attorney Jerome is contemplating proceedings against Justice Deuel and Editor Mann, a result of the disclosures in the recent Hapgood libel case.

A Washington dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "While senators and representatives who are under railroad influence speak of the Gillespie resolution, passed by the house calling for information regarding the Pennsylvania railroad combination, as trifling and unimportant, signs are not wanting here of a coming anti-trust upheaval. It is expected it will be similar to the one which occurred at the time President Roosevelt ordered Attorney General Knox to proceed against the Northern Securities merger. The Gillespie resolution was delivered at the White House early this morning, and the president at once communicated with the interstate commerce commission and instructed it to send to the house all of the information it had bearing upon the matter. Attorney General Moody has done nothing whatever in the way of investigating this combination, alleged to be in restraint of trade. There are members of the house who declare that if the information furnished is proof of the allegations made by Mr. Gillespie, a resolution will be introduced either directing the attorney general to proceed with an inquiry or providing for an investigation by a house committee. It is believed that such a resolution would pass by as large a vote as that which carried Mr. Gillespie's resolution through. It is understood also that President Roosevelt does not want any agitation at this time of the Pennsylvania combination. He admitted in his message that the Northern Securities suit had wrought no economic change. He has been told a great many times and by many persons that it would cause a panic if he proceeded against such a combination and forced the companies back into their original organizations. For that reason the president has not proceeded against either the Pennsylvania or the New York, New Haven and Hartford, both of which have acquired competing lines."

WHETHER COMMON OR NOT

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friends—friends who would do to tie to, and were friends in all kinds of wind and weather.

A Lincoln Story

If Abraham Lincoln told all of the stories attributed to him he must have been born talking and kept it up twenty-four hours a day as long as he lived. And if he split all the rails attributed to his beetle and wedge he must have worked at it twenty-four hours a day from the time he could walk until he started to Washington. And apropos of his rail splitting here is a little story:
Uncle John Eyman of Macon county, Illinois, knew Lincoln when the lat-

ter lived in that county, and often worked with him in the woods on the Sangamon bottoms.

"Abe could split rails, all right," said Uncle John, "but he liked a whole lot better to sit on the stumps and do the talking while the rest of us done the splitting. One day, after splitting an unusually tough log, Abe set down on a stump, wiped the sweat off'n his face and said to me, says he:

"John, did you ever think about trees being like human characters?"

"No, I never did, Abe."

"Well, they are, John. See that big hickory over there. It took three hundred years to grow, maybe. And yet I can cut it down in a few licks of my ax. An' a man can live upright and honest and do the best he can for fifty or sixty years, an' along comes some fellow an' with a few motions of his tongue can fell that good man's character an' split it all up in little bits."

Brain Leaks

When a man dodges the sheriff between charitable donations we have a right to suspect that the money he gives is earned by crooked schemes.

A real Christian is never exclusive.

A man who depends on tips usually feels tough.

The little worries of life make the great troubles.

The interested workman seldom complains of his task.

A man can not reach and keep high place by low actions.

There is a difference between saving money and money saving.

A clean heart and a foul tongue are never found in the same man.

A lot of men who are always prating about justice really want mercy.

Some men are to be congratulated on never becoming acquainted with themselves.

Most of us declare that we do not like flattery, and then by our actions prove that we are fond of it.

Just about the time a man gets comfortably fixed in his favorite chair with the evening newspaper, his wife thinks of what some caller told her during the day.

The trouble about accumulating money is that just about the time a man begins to get somewhere near what he wants he dies and is compelled to give it all up.

Solomon is said to have had 300 wives, but no reference is made to the children. Perhaps Solomon made his reputation for wisdom by not trying to answer the questions of his youngsters.

He Did

"That man Bilkins is quite wealthy. Did he earn his money?"
"He married the rich Miss Kienne."
"Well, I guess he earned it, all right."

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