

**Home For The Friendless**

The practiced eye can discern a storm brewing in the vicinity of the home for the friendless. Sunday's State Journal contained nearly a column intended to smooth over the matter, but the disagreement is of such a nature that it will take something more than a "mild jolly" to settle it. Briefly, the advisory board and the board of public lands and buildings have locked horns over the question of admitting indigent old women. The advisory board wants them admitted, but the state board objects and bases its opposition on the ground that the rules for admission, formulated by the visiting and advisory board and approved by the state board, contain no reference to adults. This was doubtless an error of omission on the part of the advisory board, because under the old regime it was the practice to admit both children and adults, and at the very time the rules were drafted and adopted there were a number of old women at the home.

Under the constitution of the society of the home for the friendless, which society had a sort of partnership with the state up to the year 1897, the object of the society was clearly set forth in these words: "To afford protection and assistance to destitute women and children of our state until other and permanent homes and means of support can be secured." This was the society's constitutional provision when the legislature of 1881 passed the act which made the state and the society quasi-partners in maintaining and governing the home. And no change in the object of the home took place in 1897 when the legislature took the entire government into its own hands and proposed to provide all funds for its maintenance by taxation.

"At a meeting Saturday," says the Journal, "of the visiting advisory board which is composed of five women appointed by the governor, the matter was thoroughly discussed. Those in attendance were Mesdames H. S. Freeman, H. H. Wheeler, Hems-worth, A. H. Weir and H. J. Seamark. The board was of the opinion that as the home was not crowded and could easily accommodate forty more persons without inconvenience, its advantages ought to be extended to old women who were unable to support themselves and needed the protection of a public institution. The two cases from Beatrice especially enlisted the sympathies of the ladies, as they were both women of refinement who had lost all that they possessed and were living on charity. The board felt that they ought not to be required to go to the poor house."

The state board is trying to crawl out of a very small hole when it refuses admission to indigent old women because the rules drafted by the advisory board make no provision for such admission. Section 4 of chapter 35 especially provides that these rules shall "be subject to change, amendment or abrogation by the board of public lands and buildings at any time." Accordingly, the state board could make the necessary amendment and admit the aged women without delay; or it could sanction such an amendment by the advisory board. Apparently that is simply a flimsy excuse. With ample provision for the accommodation of forty more persons at the home, there is no good reason why deserving cases should be refused on mere technical grounds, which are really no grounds at all.

**Populism Demonstrated**

The fundamental principle of populism that all men should have opportunities for advancement and to provide for themselves and that if the concentration of wealth was stopped and a healthy environment created for the masses that the nation would not only prosper, but mankind would be elevated, is shown to be true by the work of the New York children's aid society, which takes children of the lowest parentage from the slums of that city and places them in an environment where they have opportunities to develop.

Now for a half century this society has been carrying on its important labors in the commercial and cosmopolitan metropolis of America and by its care for the street boys and girls of the great city has given to active and useful service much more than 50,000 citizens: It numbers among its beneficiaries governors of states and territories, members of congress, sheriffs, district attorneys, county commissioners and members of state legislatures. It has sent into the industrial world bankers, lawyers, merchants, physicians, postmasters, railroad managers, station agents and the like, newspaper men, school teachers, civil engineers, clergymen, and more than a thousand members of the army and navy.

All this proves the populist proposition, that it is not heredity that in-

**Beautiful New Christmas Goods**

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Rogers Brothers, 1847, 12 dwt., medium knives, hand burnished or satin finished, \$1.87 set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, 12 dwt., medium forks, hand burnished or satin finish, \$1.87, set of 6.  
 W. F. Rogers, knives or forks, \$1.50, set of 6.  
 Triple-plated knives and forks, \$2.00, set of 12.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, A1 tipped teaspoons, \$1.50, set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, A1 tipped dessert spoons, \$2.50, set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, A1 tipped tablespoons, \$3.00, set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, A1 teaspoons, fancy patterns, \$1.75, set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, A1 dessert spoons, fancy patterns, \$3.00, set of 6.  
 Rogers Brothers, 1847, A1 tablespoons, fancy patterns, \$3.50, set of 6.  
 W. F. Rogers, teaspoons, 75c and \$1.25, set of 6.  
 W. F. Rogers, dessert spoons, \$1.25 and \$2.50, set of 6.  
 W. F. Rogers, tablespoons, \$1.50 and \$3.00, set of 6.  
 Standard Sterling plated tablespoons 50c, set of 6.  
 Standard Sterling plated teaspoons, 25c, set of 6.  
 Fancy sugar shells and butterknife sets, 65c to \$2.00.  
 Fancy pieces—Berry spoons, jelly scoops, meat forks, pie knives, children's sets of knife, fork and spoon, 25c to \$4.00.  
 Nut sets, picks and cracks, \$2.25 to \$2.50 each.  
 Fruit knives, 75c to \$1.75, set of 6.  
 Oyster forks, \$1.75 to \$7.50, set of 6.  
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 Sets with sterling silver backs, \$9, \$18, \$20, and \$25 a set.  
**COMBS**—Sterling mounted, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.75 each.  
**COMBS**—Back and side combs, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c, 85c, and \$1.00; fancy back combs of imitation shell trimmed with fine filigree gold and real pearl settings, \$1.50, \$3.00, and \$4.50.  
**BELTS**—An exceptionally fine line in hundreds of styles, plain tailored or fancy postillion, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, and \$3.50; leather, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$1.75; initial, 50c; shoe string, 50c.  
**BELT BUCKLES**—In sets of two, gray finish, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a set; gray finish, oxidized finish, and white silver or gilt with settings (single buckles) 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00; cameos, 65c and 95c.

Square hand mirrors, fine hard wood frames, standard backs, good variety of sizes, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50.  
 Burnt wood backs, \$1.50.  
 Sterling mounted hand mirrors, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$3.00.  
 Fancy metal hand mirrors, round shape, with long or ring handles, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00. The finest goods of this line from \$2.00 up are German silver.  
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 Hard wood backs, 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.  
 Real ebony backs, a special in limited quantity, fine white bristles, at 65c. Others with ebony backs, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.  
 Burnt wood backs, 50c, and \$1.00 each.  
**HAT BRUSHES**—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$3.00.  
**CLOTH BRUSHES**—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00.  
**BRUSH, COMB, AND MIRROR SETS**—For Children—unusually hard to get, and made as well as for grown-ups, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, a set.  
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**BRUSH, COMB, AND MIRROR SETS**—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, and \$25 a set. This line includes silver plated, gold plated, real and imitation ebony, ivory finished, shell finished and Roman horn goods, besides finely decorated porcelain backs.  
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**RINGS**—Plain or chased gold filled bands, 25c, and 50c; solid gold, 25c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, and \$3.50; set rings, gold filled, 25c, 50c, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, and \$5.50.  
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**BROOCHES**—10c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.50, and \$10.00.  
**BRACELETS**—Silver and gold plated chains, 25c and 50c; sterling, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00; Nethersole (sterling silver bands) 29c, 39c, 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$2.00; gold plated or filled, 50c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50.  
**STICK PINS**—5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, and \$3.00.  
**CHATELAINE PINS**—11c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$6.00, and \$7.00.  
**LOCKETS**—Plain or jeweled, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00.  
**CUFF BUTTONS**—Bright, satin, or rose gold finish, with or without sets; sterling in gray or bright finish, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.  
**SHIRT STUDS**—Plain pearl tops, 35c, 50c, and 75c; plain gold or with sets, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.25.  
**BELT PINS**—Oxidized finish, pearl, rose gold finish, enameled, cameos, sterling silver, or with fancy sets, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, and \$2.75.  
**WATCH CHAINS**—Gold filled or plated, women's, 39c, 75c, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$8.50, \$10, and \$12; men's, with charms, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$5.00, and \$6.00.  
**WATCH FOBS**—Leather, fancy charms, black silk with rose finished gold, jeweled, oxidized silver, cameos, etc., 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, and \$3.50.  
**HAT PINS**—Sterling silver, 25c, 75c, and \$1.00; oxidized metal, 10c and 25c; with fancy sets, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, and \$3.50.  
**BEADS**—Necklaces and long chains, pearl, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$1.75; coral, 25c, 50c, 65c, and \$1.00; black ebony or jet, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.75, and \$2.00.  
**GOLD NECKLACES**—With or without lockets, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25, \$3.25, and \$5.00.  
**GOLD COLLAR BUTTONS**—Plated or filled, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c.  
**BEAUTY PINS**—With or without chains, 10c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, and \$2.50 a pair.

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The route will be via St. Louis and thence to Jacksonville, Fla., closely following the line of Sherman's famous march to the sea. The journey will be pleasantly broken at Chattanooga, Tenn., where a day will be spent in visiting points of great historic interest. Those who desire to stop over in St. Louis can join the party en route.

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The secretary of the treasury has transmitted to congress the estimates of appropriations required for the public service for the year ending June 30, 1904, as furnished by the heads of the several executive departments. The total asked for is \$589,958,112, which is \$21,638,578 less than the estimates for 1903 and \$33,053,014 less than the appropriations for all previous years.

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