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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee matled to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

A good resolution ought to last at east through the month of January.

While the American sailors are not tectotalers, most of them are on the water wagon now.

Any man charged with crime in ldaho will do well to get Harry Orchard to testify against him.

800,000 loan. One touch of the Janukin.

crats will not be deprived of an issue in the next campaign.

south," says the Atlanta News. When infancy, but offers many opportunities, ance is placed on the pitcher.

The financiers of our democratic city council are pretty good at juggling figures. There are several concealed openings in that appropriation sheet.

It is announced that F. Augustus Heinze has withdrawn from the banking business. He quit just as soon as they took his banks away from him.

An American motor boat has been ordered for use in the lake at the foot of Mount Ararat. It should be chriswho discovered the landing there.

Jacksonians to make the next move.

The Stock exchange at Rome has its natural thing in the world to locate a cliques. stock exchange close to the water god.

"Jeff" Davis of Arkansas went to Washington to shake up the senate, and appears to have succeeded only in shaking down the treasury to the extent of placing most of his family on the payroll.

Governor Sparks of Nevada says there are many reasons why he can not call out the Nevada-militia to protect the mines at Goldfield. In the first place, Nevada has no militia. His other reasons will be waived.

Mayor "Jim" is certainly losing his nerve as well as his backbone. Here we have had a poultry show in Omaha for a whole week without an exhibition by the mayor of his skill in lassoing Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes. nexation.

At the republican national convention about 1,000 delegates will select the candidate for the presidential nomination. The democratic convention will be held just to see one man make himself a present of the nomination.

abinet is being renewed by the medial associations. Their strongest argument is that the cabinet should have Washington and not in the islands. member to whom could be referred gorplaints about the condition of the onstitution, was sens

THE BRYAN PRESS BUREAU. will quickly dispel them.

bouquet is as follows:

fidelity to democratic principles, his acquaintance with public men and his knowledge of public affairs all enable him to point. Editors desiring information on public questions ought to write to Mr. Abbot, for he is in a position to tell them what is going on.

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Sives the editor of the country weekly moner is a weekly newspaper, but, of its obligations to the islanders. 36,840 gives the editor of the country weekly of the Borough of Manhattan on the 6,620 this very pat advice:

some unknown correspondent, who, being more significance should attach to dis-6.300 paid to advance some secret interest, furnishes his stuff for nothing, but a letter by someone who is known as a democrat 6,600 and who sends out reliable news.

live country weekly ought to have a of Municipal Research, with conse- bers of the Viborg Douma for their Washington letter by someone "known quent publicity given of the methods as a democrat" who sends out "relia- of that organization. ble news." The paid Washington cor-12,580 respondent of the Commoner is ready is composed of private citizens and have been very effective. itors of democratic weeklies are invited ernment by taxpayers, made intelligent afford to pay anything it will be fursimply to push a good cause along.

CAN CUBA STAND ALUNE!

The completion of the census of Cuba has started some of the agitators of the islands to demand a new election, preliminary to again trying the experiment of granting independence to the island. While the political parties of Cuba are far from united upon any policy, the sentiment in favor of another try at self-government is growing and will probably have to be met. According to the new census, Cuba

has a population of 2,028,282, an increase of 29 per cent in seven years. Those disposed to criticize the figures Russia is in the market for a \$93,- apparently fail to recognize the fact that no careful census has ever before ary 1 spirit makes the whole world been taken, and the further fact that Cuba is marvelously rich in resources which have been rapidly developed The Standard Oil company realizes since the Spanish evacuation. Somethat there was a panic in 1907. Its thing like 2,000,000 acres of the island profits on the year's business were only are under cultivation in sugar plantations, and there is every assurance that 20,000,000 acres could and would be The Caleb Powers jury has dis-devoted to this profitable purpose if agreed again, so the Kentucky demo- the Island had a safe and stable government. The tobacco industry comes second. Cuba's production of the leaf in 1906 being valued at about \$50,-"Prohibition is at the bat in the 000,000. The fruit business is in its prohibition is at the bat, great reli- and other agricultural enterprises of the island are but awaiting the necessary capital, money and energy.

The question that must be settled by congress is, "Can Cuba stand alone?" The history of the island is one of almost continuous revolution, mutiny, insurrection and internal strife, except for the two short periods that it has been under American rule. Conservative men of the island, planters who have large business interests and investments, and some of the natives who have made a special study of Cuban character and conditions, are tened The Noah, in honor of the pilot not slow to predict dismal failure for any attempt to set up an independent government in the island. Under The Dahlman Democracy is not a American rule, the industries of the bit bashful in saying what & wants in island have flourished, the government the matter of representation on the has a handsome surplus in its treasdelegation to Denver. It is up to the ury and many public improvements have been pushed to completion. The fear is rather general that if the American troops are withdrawn, the headquarters in what was once the old regime will be restored and the temple of Neptune. It seems the most public funds misused for political

> The test will come whenever the new elections are held. These will be for the election of municipal officers, to whom the affairs of the cities and the next elections will provide for the Omaha the year before. selection of provincial officials and the release of the provinces from American control. Success in provisional government will be followed by na- papers of the day at the time it was tional elections and the withdrawal of laid way back in 1867, but which can-American troops from the island. It not now be found by those who have is worthy of note that the American been tearing down the building, may administration is more hopeful than have been tucked away in an imagthe natives over the proposed home- inary pocket by a visionary reporter. rule experiments. If they succeed, the Tradition has it that Omaha reporters Cuban question will be solved, but if were up to such tricks in those early the experiments fail, nothing is left days. but a permanent protectorate or an-

THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

Criticism by both republican and democratic opponents that Secretary enacted by the last Iowa legislature. Taft is making the Philippine ques- The experience of Iowa's progressive tion too much of a hobby have apparently failed to shake the secretary from his determination to keep the whether a similar law shall be enacted The demand for a physician in the question before the American people by the Nebraska legislature next year. until congress shall act. The "Philippine problem," so called, is located in

To disinterested non-combatants, the National Council of Commerce, which report made by Mr. Taft on Philippine has been organized at the instigation west by which it was enabled to make an

had expected that about the first act of Jof Commerce and Labor. Omaha is Publicity is the thing these days in the new Philippine assembly would be not yet represented in this national orpolitics as well as in business. If any- to adopt a resolution demanding Phil- ganization, and if it can get in should one has any doubts about it, two items | ippine independence. But no such step | lose no time to perfect its membership. in the last number of the Commoner has been taken, and apparently none is contemplated. The Filipinos are In the first place, Colonel Bryan's showing every disposition to accept failed by three-quarters of an inch to next president of the United States than will be more than rivaled by the descent newspaper puts a blown-in-the-bottle American supervision of the affairs of meet the police standard of height is label on a particular Washington news the Islands for the immediate future going through a scientific course of future of the great republic of which he is land upon which the city of Cincinnati makes much impression upon fools. Tea service, specially prepared for demo- and still to place their faith in con- stretching. He spends most of his the head? A president does not outline eratic consumption by the paid rep. gress. The American congress refuses time in bed with weights attached to resentative of the Commoner. This to open our markets to Philippine rice, tobacco and sugar, although it has strate the value of a pull. Mr. Willis J. Abbot is conducting a news passed laws prohibiting the Filipinos service which can be relied upon. His own from finding markets for these products in other countries.

That the development of agriculture present to the demogratic newspapers na- in the Philippines has not been as tional politics from a democratic stand- rapid as warranted by natural conditions is attributed to this congressional inaction. No claim, sur portable by facts, is made that the admission of In another column of the same Philippine products to this country at number Commoner readers are im- reduced duties would seriously injure pressed with the superiority of the any American industry, the tobacco weekly newspaper over the daily news- and sugar trusts excepted. It is to paper as a molder of public opinion. Secretary Taft's credit that he loses It goes without saying that the Com- no opportunity to remind congress of

EXAMINING CITY ACCOUNTS. The removal of President Ahearn charge of inefficiency and neglect of The country weekly ought also to have a duty created something of a sensation Washington letter-not a letter sent out by in political circles in New York, but covery of the causes which led to the dismissal of an incompetent and derelict official. This action was based

to furnish such a letter and the Com- supported by private contributions. It moner vouches for its reliability. Ed- is based on the proposition that "govto write for terms and if they cannot as to government methods and governnished to them for nothing, not "to ment by a political party, by a small advance some secret interest," but commission, or by good intentions, uninformed." This is a rather novel position and, in a measure impracticaproved most salutary. Representatives of the bureau make it their business saloon, to examine all the public records and to translate them into plain English, in order that the taxpayers may be in-, tables of figures and show in plain terms just how much money is spent for street-cleaning, street repairs, garbage removal, police and fire protection and other items of municipal expenses. They find and report what departments of the government are managed economically, as well as those that are poorly managed. They re- ditions of payment.

> give publicity to such conduct as would appear detrimental to the public good. tion is to bring the general public into closer touch with the city government. In the Ahearn case, the bureau presented an array of testimony showing that the borough president had grossly squandered the funds of his office, had not carried out the improvements ordered and had made a marked record

port upon individual officeholders and

for inefficiency and extravagance, the calomel and soda, the quinine, the for-Faced by these facts, Ahearn had no defense except to denounce the members of the bureau as "busybodies and

The administration of American cities has often been a prolific source of scandal. The plan and operations \$8,000,000 went to hospitals and asylums. of the Bureau of Municipal Research may help solve some of our puzzling problems of city government.

A jump from \$10,000 to \$45,000 in one year's appropriations for paying judgments against the city does not look good from the standpoint of effective service by the city law department. Add the \$13,000 for legal selves in feeding the hungry nations expenses and we have a total of nearly \$60,000 as the cost of the city's litigation, exclusive of water board, school board and other independent authorities which contract bills for legal serv-

Receipts at the Omaha grain market, and at other grain markets as well, have fallen off materially during the last month as compared with the preceding year because of the stoppage of grain shipments. The grain, however, is in possession of the farmers and must be shipped some time, and when it does move the Omaha market towns will be given over. If the Cu- ought to have the preference, at least, bans administer these functions wisely, of all who did so well by shipping via

That missing cathedral cornerstone so graphically described in the news-

Sioux City will hold a special election this month to vote on the adoption of the commission plan of muploipal government under the new law eities under the commission plan will have much to do with determining

consider the advisability of joining the conditions is most encouraging. He of Secretary Strauss of the Department enormous profit.

his feet, hoping eventually to demon-

Democrats of Massachusetts have enforcement as of law enactment. adopted a Bryan lapel button about as big as an old copper cent, with Bryan's face and shoulders, and across the breast the figures 1908. To make the button complete, the reverse side republic still lives. should be stamped with the figures 1896 and 1900.

If you read an article in which refnection between the curtailment of expresidential opportunities, and a reasonable indemnification" would you it had been written by Grover Cleveland?

Railroads doing business in South Dakota are trying to stave off the 2 1/6cent passenger fare by injunction proture should have taken a tip from the Nebraska legislature and have added of the people. an emergency clause to the bill.

criticized. The refusal to recognize ohoice of his successor. The Bureau of Municipal Research the czar as an "autocrat" seems to

> Jarring the Ancients. New York Tribune.

A dynamite bomb explosion, or a gas ex-

Sure Enough Reform.

Chicago Post. Prohibition is making enormous strides ble, but the work of the bureau, as northward. An Illinois senator has just demonstrated in the Ahearn case, has decided to retire from the saloon business, and now a Chicago alderman has announced that he intends to guit keeping a

> Let Well Enough Alone. Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. Bryan's agents report that he makes formed as to the disposition of the pub- \$55,000 a year by his lectures. He would get lic funds. They eliminate puzzling no more as president and would have to gan, Minnesota, Oregon and South Dakota ing to write various messages and do other fatiguing stunff.

Omaha on a Cash Basis

Wall Street Journal. Good for Omaha. Let the first improvement of 1908 be a of the far west, general return of the banks to normal con-

Pointing Out the Culprits. New York World. Comptroller Ridgeley's charge that the tering to the individual financial importance of millions of citizens. But it removes the cherished opportunity of putting

the blame on the other fellows. Doctors on the Bridge.

Washington Herald. We don't want to fight, but, by jingo, if we do, we've got the men, we've got the ships, we've got the bichloride of mercury, the chloroform, the scalpel, the bandages, maldehyde, and the little liver pills, too.

Unlift of Philantheony.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Last year's benefactions in the United was for education. The gifts to art galleries and museuma were \$22,000,000, and The last decade has shown the United States to be a billion-dollar country in philanthropy also.

Helping to Feed the Hungry.

Philadelphia Record. We are sending six steamship loads of signed to Baltic and Black sea ports. What out of the councils and activities. a harvest of crops and civilization will be gathered from this outgo! We are teach- act with sense, they will get

Balloon Flight from Omaha.

St. Louis Republic. The proposed flight of the Glidden balloon better than a matter of 1,800 miles when it ples and of some spavined leaders. country.

Lynch Law's Roll of Dishonor.

Baltimore American. According to statistics, there were only popularity of what is known as the tion that is very cheering to those interested in right and rational government.

Progress of Good Roads.

New York Press. During 1907 375 miles of improved highways were completed in New York state. 650 miles were placed under contract, and plans and specifications were adopted for 490 miles more. Last year showed the greatest amount of road building since the policy of state road improvement was inaugurated in 1898. For the ten years there are 1.042 miles of completed improved roads to show, and of this total 355 is to be

A Forceful Reputation. Wall Street Journal.

The general impression, when the Standard Oil pamphlet was issued, was that is had made out a pretty fair case for itself It made it appear that it had been fined to an excessive amount for an offense which, after all, was merely technical, and that as a matter of fact it had not in any real sense violated the anti-rebate law in this case. The answer made by Commissioner Smith, however, completely turns the case against the Standard Oil company and confirms the statement recently published in the Wall Street Journal, reviewing the Standard's pamphlet. With a defniteness and clearness that can hardly be disputed, Mr. Smith shows that the Alton The Omaha Commercial club is to rebating was by no means technical, and that, moreover, it effectually established a moreover, it effectually established a monopoly for the Standard Oil company in the marketing of its product in the south the marketing of its product in

ON PRESIDENTIAL FIRING LINE.

Successor.

Kanasa City Times (ind.). In there, naturally, any man more inter-A man at Springfield, Mass., who ested in the character and quality of the Theodore Roosevelt is? Is there anyone ants of the Washington family, who assert will learn its most vital lessons in no less under greater obligation to safeguard the a legal ownership of a large part of the strenuous way than the only one which policies and initiate laws as more temporary expedients. The chief executive addresses a message to the last congress that assembles during his term. It is as much his business to advise a continuance of law

The government of the United States does not dissolve at the end of every four years, to be rehabilitated during the next admin-Istration. A president goes out of office but the presidency goes on forever. The

Mr. Roosevelt's policies have invited the unqualified endorsement of the people. It is recognized as a public fact that a continuance of those fundamental principles of government is essential to the welfare of erence was made to "a reciprocal con- the nation. Mr. Roosevelt would not be the man that he is, he would not have secured the place in public estimation that he holds, if it were a matter of indifferices have not been for himself, but for the Mr. Roosevelt could not dictate the se-

ceedings. The South Dakota legisla- is best fitted to carry forward principles but on resuming her journey by stage or

The ezar celebrated the last day of ne predecessor of President Roosevelt had tained by a lawyer engaged in searching There it is clear as mud. Every upon evidence furnished by the Bureau the old year by sentencing 167 memiber of the present occupant of the White manifesto in which his course was House should labor to bring about the right old woman had given a power of attorney

Secretary Taft's Strength.

Chicago Record-Herald (ind.), Papers that are opposed to the nomination of Taft continue to speak with pity of the collapse of his boom, but the Kansas republican state central committee has plosion, in the Temple of Neptune in the just given him a unanimous indorsement. ment results, is better than govern- Forum of Agrippa is an incident fitted to and there is cheering news for him from make the antiquarian sit up and take the south, the section that was going to 'queer" him. The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says: "The chances are that he will have the largest southern following. The two largest delegations in the southern group are Missouri and Texas. Missouri is already committed to Taft, and Texas is almost certain to give him its votes at Chicago. These two states have nearly one-fourth of the delegates from the south, and Alabama, Florida and other states now known to be favorable to Taft start him with approximately one-half of the south assured." The same correspondent says that Michi-

give his lectures for nothing, besides hav- are conceded to Taft, as well as North Dakota, and another state that should be put in his column is Nebraska. It is certain, also that he will have considerable strength in New England and that a large majority of the delegates from Ohio will Omalia reports that her banks have been be for him. We may add, also that popupaying cash on demand since December 1. lar sentiment among republicans appears to be largely on his side in all the states

know months beforehand what voters and this alleged estate can give.—Julius Cham-Only spellbinders and campaign managers conventions will do, but, in view of the bers in Brooklyn Eagle. developments so far, the pity that has ILLUMINATING THE SQUARE DEAL been expressed for Taft is the best political joke of the season. Of all the repub-The entire purpose of the organiza- panic was the fault of "aft of us" is flat- lican candidates for the presidential nomination, he is the only one whose suppor is at present broadly national.

Hope of Democratic Harmony.

Cincinnati Enquirer (ind.). William J. Bryan has a tremendous following in Ohio and other states of the union; but he has not a monopoly of democratic affection. We belong not to the faction that believes, or professes to believe, that William J. Bryan is the one and only person it is possible for the democrats to nominate and elect to the presidency next year. Neither have we any collusion with, nor use for, that faction which regards it as impossible to harmonize the States footed up \$12,000,000, of which half Bryan record and the Bryan following with the nominations and platform of the democratic party now soon to be made, and upon which there is an exceedingly fair prospect of approximate harmony. There has never been good ground for the presumption that the dispute over Rooseveltism would break up or perhaps seriously impair? the republican party. Mr. Bryan is not the man with whom to smash the democratic party, or the one to save it agricultural implements to Russia, con- with the whole conservative element left

If the democrats are really going the ing the Russians how to compete with our- leaders together on a common and righteous ground, and teach them that the arbitration of all differences should be in the hands of the great body of democracy. and not entirely controlled by a few. It is a violent schlem indeed that canfor the Lahm cup is only from Omaha to not be composed in the face of a general Boston. While this will break the present menace by the common enemy. The repubworld's record. St. Louis, after stopping licans are doing their best to get rid of ices that must be paid by Omaha tax- tonly at the Atlantic, expects something some old and trashy declarations of princioffers its own record to be broken in this should keep the best men of all factions and let by-gones go the brimstone route.

> A Significant Statement. Kansas City Star (ind.)

No part of Mr. Taft's great address at lifty-six lynchings in the United States Boston was more far-seeing, more courduring the year 1907, which, compared to ageous and more statesmanlike than his seventy-three during the previous year, declaration that any question of a return shows a commendable failing off in the to unregulated railways and unregulated trusts is now impossible and that the ques-'lynch law." It also shows an increasing tion which must be determined is "whether respect for the "law of the land," a condi- we shall maintain a strict system of regulation of railways and trusts, or whether we shall turn the country over to the advocates any difference. He espouses the cause of of government ownership and state socialism." That inevitable issue has never been publicly stated so clearly and so signifiinterests of the country, the perpetuity of our social order and plan of government depends upon a continuance of those principles of the square deal and equal opportunity which Rooseveltism has ingrained nto the national life and which stand embodied before the country now in the candidacy of Secretary Taft."

Justice and Privilege. Minneapolis Journal (rep.)

Now the only thing that the president has insisted upon is that it is his duty to enforce the law. He has not asked or a partial, but for an impartial enforcement. He is not selecting malefactors, nor playing hide and seek with justice. He wants it administered to all alike. If his brings panic, then it must be because business is on a wrong basis. But we know that business is not on a wrong basis, only some businesses. Business upholds the resident. Some businesses condemn him. When these businesses are examined, it becomes at once apparent why they condemn rather than applaud the impartial enforcement of the law. They do not want justice. They want privilege.

A Festal Dream.

PIGHTS FOR VAST ESTATES.

President Roosevelt's Interest in His Real and Fancied Fortunes Recalled by Claim of Washington's Heirs. According to the latest information, the famous case of Myra Clark Gaines, who laid claim to about half of New Orleans,

> stands. A highly interesting article could be written about claimants to vast estates in this country and the general disappointment that has attended efforts of heirs to mercial state of nations. The world has repossess themselves of them. The instances are legion. The litigation between | war falls upon other countries than those the descendants of that remarkable woman, Aneke Jahns, and Trinity Church corporation would fill a volume.

Philadelphia has its enduring mystery in

the attempts made by the heirs of Rachel Pegg to recover title to the Pegg farm, now in the heart of the Quaker City. The Pegg farm consisted of 400 acres, beginning at Willow creek and extending north as far as the present line of Diamond street, Willow creek was then called Pegg's run and retained the name until a generation. ago. By a strange circumstance the owner of this valuable farm died in Mount Pleasant, O., in the house of my grandmother, The two women had known each other in ence to him whether his policies prevailed the east. The Philadelphia heiress was on have to look for the signature to learn after he left the White House. His serv- a journey to visit relatives in western Ohio; the long trip over the Alleghenies in a Conestoga wagon was very trying to the old woman's health. She was broken down lection of his successor if he desired to. when she reached Pittsburg, but she in-What he can do and has done-is to let the sisted upon going forward. The trip on people know who, in his judgment and the river as far as Steubenville appeared from his unexampled means of information, to benefit her. She landed from the boat, which they have approved. The president's wagon she suffered a relapse. After sevjudgment in this has only confirmed that eral days' illness at Mount Pleasant she succumbed. Nothing was known or spoken Jefferson, Madison and Jackson afforded about her farm on the northern borders of a revered precedent for his course. But if Philadelphia. Years later a clue was obwould demand that a president of the cal- formerly been a part of the Pegg farm. The disclosure was then made that the to a trusted lawyer, and that he had dis posed of the property as rapidly as possible. The titles to most of that property have been cleared from any cloud that was financial legislation which is said to be upon them by sheriff's sales or special logislation at Harrisburg. Several hundred finance committee. It simply contemplates thousand dollars was spent upon litigation, authorization of an emergency issue of all to no purpose. The territory of the bank notes in times of stringency to the Pegg farm is now worth \$35,000,000 at a amount of \$100,000,000, secured by federal. moderate estimate.

The strange case of Peck vs. Borden, 7 per cent, in order to assure its immediate which has been in the courts of Staunton, retirement when need for it has passed Va., award of \$100,000 was made. An heir, joined secretary of the treasury, with the eight in the original suit as an infant, died subtreasurers as advisers.

their hopeful clients during the long fight. as unresponsive to the varying needs of George Washington are alleged to have remedy for any of our troubles save those been granted to him by royal patent for arising in times of financial stringency. his services in the Indian wars. This al- when it will be profitable to the banks to leged grant is declared to have been con- pay 7 per cent for the use of a little more firmed by the continental congress, nomi- capital. The republican materity owes to nally for his valorous conduct during the the country something better than the revolution. The theme is likely to form proffer of one more financial makeshift a fruitful one for antiquarians and dis- in addition to those we now have to put putatious lawyers; so far as the heirs of up with. It is not too much to ask that the "Father of His Country" are concerned, the party in power undertake a comprethey would do well to forget. I would dis- hensive and permanent reformation of our like to give \$10 for any title to one city currency system, but it is obviously uselot in Cincinnati that the administrator of less to make the request.

ministration's Policies. Philadelphia Press (rep.). of what we understood as the president's with his friends at home all the way policies which has yet been made. It is a across. Roosevelt speech more than a Taft speech. It is entirely addressed to a justification of the president's action on railroads and trusts and to an answer to his criticsespecially to those who charge him with a neasure of responsibility for the panicand this task is executed with signal skill self among some of the most able howlers

and good judgment. The speech is admirable in temper and polse. There is nothing in it to ruffle or disturb any reader or hearer. It is conciliatory and winning, and will do as much as anything can to disarm those who have been left sore by losses or who have been embittered by vehement denunciation. Secretary Taft has no difficulty in showing that the primary causes of the panic were entirely independent of anything the president has done. The destruction of two great wars, the losses of the Baltimore and created by the revelations of insurance and railroad abuses, the undue expansion of various enterprises, the runs on looted banks, the lack of an elastic currency when avalliable money was already exhaustedthese things were the chief causes of the loss of credit, and obviously the president can in no way be held responsible for them. If Mr. Taft does not answer those who say that the president's repeated and constant emphasis of condemnation contributed to the disturbance, it is evidently because he considers this talk captious and

unfounded. Socretary Tact stands with the president in all his actions. He defends and upholds the president's policies as necessary, patriotic and vital to the public welfare, and not only draws no line between his own view and that of the president, but implies that they are in full accord and that his candidacy is based on their identity of thought and purpose. Whether he not only sustains what the president has ac tually done, but also favors the measures to which the president has pointed in the of further development of his policy he does not specifically say; but inferentially he does, for he nowhere suggests or infimates the president with a seal which knows no shadow of variation, and he supports it with an advocacy which is at once lumi The conservatism of the business nous and captivating. The president is doing much for Secretary Taft, but Secretary Taft is also doing much for the presi-

PERSONAL NOTES.

The estimate that more than \$100,000. 606 was given away during the year does not include the sums given to Wall street by the fambs.

Tolstoi, after a fall from his horse, is working with unprecedented fury. Put the obituary back in the ice chest-for the twenty-seventh time. A Wall street publication objects to the

A Wail street publication objects to the statement that 97 per cent of the transactions in that money center are gambling deals with marked cards. It is not well to be too severe. Perhaps only 96 per word we understood: to be too severe. Perhaps only 98 per "While cent come under the specification named. Thomas Fitzgerald, who has resigned as general manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has been connected with that He started as road for forty-one years. water boy in 1866 and later became a Of the telegraph messenger, from which he rose rapidly to his present position.

Spencer Trask, president of the National Arts club of New York, has completed in part the arrangements for holding com- Jest that of fashioned lesson, an I m glad

LEARNING THE COST OF WAR.

Penalty for Destruction Must Be Paid Sooner or Later.

Cleveland Leader. "Experience is a hard school," says the old saw, "but fools will learn in no other." Sometimes it seems that the world often even the teachings of bitter experience are misunderstood and unheeded.

It has long been so with regard to the effect of war upon the industrial and combeen slow to perceive that the waste of directly involved in the struggle. It has refused to understand that a victorious war as often disastrous to the business interests and the general welfare of the onquering state.

Now men whose opinions carry great weight are showing the American people the connection between the wars of the last decade and the recent financial crisis from which the country has not yet wholly recovered. Secretary Taft is doing good service in this respect. He is placing was among the foremost causes of the panic. which is where it belongs, and he is showing large audiences how futile it is to hope that the world can ever escape the consequences of the waste of vast amounts of working capital, "fluid wealth," as it is ometimes well described.

In the present stage of industrial, comnergial and financial development the civ-Illzed mations are so knit together, so interdependent, that no two or three of them can devote billions of dollars to the destructive uses of war without affecting the money markets of all the rest. Workins capital burned up and thrown away in the maintenance of armies must increase the difficulty of meeting the needs of the productive and commercial interests of peace, The world must pay for its wastefulness though the penalty may not be felt, in its full severity, for years.

NEW FINANCIAL MEASURE.

Proposed Emergency Issue of Bank

Washington Herald. There is nothing startling about the assuming shape in the minds of the senate state or municipal bonds, and taxable at was concluded recently, and an The whole lasue will be controlled by the

some time ago at the age of 96, always So simple a measure as this ought to talking and dreaming of the successful pass both houses without much friction conclusion of the case. The originally and this doubtless is the hope of its prosmall estate in litigation has increased in posers. The chief objection to it is that value to \$100,000; but lawyers have squeezed it evades practically the whole of our curnearly three times as much money out of rency question, leaving our money supply The lands claimed by the descendants of business as before, and really offering no

Ocean Lanes Not Lonesome Now.

Philadelphia Record. Three million persons crossed the Atlant. during the year past, Secretary aft's Exposition of the Ad- the old world to the new or vice versa If the immortal Christopher had postponed his voyage some three hundred years he Secretary Taft's Boston speech is the would have found the ocean less lonely; ablest and the most persuasive vindication and he might have kept up a conversation

Rubbing Elbows with Experia

Chicago Record-Herald. An Indian of the name of Howling Wolf is talking of running for congress. If he gets in he will be surprised to find him-

extant. TRITTLED TO A POINT.

Little Clarence-Mamma, how did papa make his first thousand?
His Mother-He made it, dear, by marrying your grandfather's daughter. Now run
out and play.-Chicago Tribune.

First Bridesmaid-Dear Mabel is nothing

consistent. has done. The destruction of two twars, the losses of the Baltimore and Francisco calamities, the distrust shower bequet.—Baltimore American.

'But," said Miss Gusch, "were you never ightened, captain, when you saw the emy advancing?" 'No," replied Captain Bright. "I felt frightened. safe so long as I had a couple of life pre-servers with me."

Life preservers Yes; my legs."-Philadelphia Press,

"Thank you very much." said the lady, milingly accepting the proffered seat.
"Madam," said the man, tipping his hat,
you surprise and pain me."
"I do not understand you." you've lost me a bet."-Philadelphia Ledger.

ingly trying one."
"Yes." answered the doctor. "The worst thing is that you can't own up to being under the weather yourself without exciting suspicion."—Washington Star. "I wonder how she ever came to accept

physician's profession is an exceed

"Accept him! Why she ran him down!"
"Why in the world?"
"His nose just matches her pugs."—
Houston Post.

Musical Manager-Now, candidly, talking of the performance of Wagnerian opera, what do you think of our company's execuon? Candid Critic-It is not execution, my rlend; it is assassination. - Baltimore

"lan't he a cute little darling?" said the fond mother, proudly exhibiting the cherub, "Yes," answered her bachelor brother. "He's funnier than one of these mechanical toys. You don't have to wind him up."—Chicago Tribune.

REEPING UP THE FIRE.

Frank L. Stanton in Uncle Remus I can hear the old man sayin'-long before

To the calm, untroubled country where the west away.

To the calm, untroubled country where the wisest of 'em stay.

That plain, of fashioned lesson that we took to heart for good:

"Whilst you're keepin' up the fire you're a burnin' up the wood." Sorter set us all to thinkin'-as, when har-

a-burbin' up the wood!" "Dream your dreams—there must be dreamers in a world the Lord made bright—
The dreamers of the darkness an' the
dreamers of the light.
Of the sowio' an' the respin' dreame of
glery an' of good—
You must keep the fire blazin,' but your're
burnin' up the wood."

"Good-night:"
"Good-night:"
to the heart beats truest still is
re it's understood:
the lit's understood: