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

Anyway, February is proving that it is not a calendar mollycoddle.

The New York Sun is happy again. It has revived the third term rumor and has something to worry about.

Moved and seconded that Harry Thaw be removed from print, whether he is removed from the asylum or not.

San Francisco formally announces that the city is free of bubonic plague. It is still afflicted with the graft plague.

sworn off attending big shows.

Tom Taggart says Mr. Taft will be nominated on the first ballot. It begins to look very much that way, in spite of the fact that Taggart thinks so.

Guess the campaign is open, all right. One New York democratic paper is calling another New York democratic paper a "googoo guerrilla."

A New York man solemnly announces that he dreamed that he went to hades and liked it immensely. Naturally he would, after having lived in New York.

The Japanese Parliament has increased the tax on beer and sake and reduced it on petroleum. The name of the John D. Rockefeller of Japan is not announced.

and has more improved facilities.

kind of a conscience, but C. W. Morse seems to be built on different lines.

James K. Jones declares that Bryan is not the man of the hour. Jones, it will be remembered, conducted one of Colonel Bryan's masterly defeats and served a term in the Bryan cabinet.

A railroad official reports that a recent wreck was caused by "a broken fish-plate." Dining car conductors should be compelled to be more careful about dropping fish-plates on the tracks.

It is shown that \$761 was paid for a single chair in furnishing the Pennsylvania state capitol at Harrisburg. That will occasion no great surprise out here. Omaha once paid for having its city hall furnished.

rule of the people," but Mr. Bryan is of the time of the student's career is able atrocities practiced on the union the people want.

friends as well as old. Governor shared. As a result the German stu- such exultation and mingled with them first appearance in public west of the letics or in any test of physical endur-Alleghenies. This illustrates the dif- ance, ference between the two in point of Merited criticism has been directed breadth of experience.

SOUTHERN DOUBLE-HEADERS.

The assurance that Florda will be pefore the coming republican national onvention with a double-header, each claiming to be the regularly elected delegation and duly authorized representatives of the republicans of that state, will be seized upon by the opposition for political capital, although it was only to be expected and presents no new situation.

Ever since reconstruction days some of the southern states have had contesting delegations demanding recognition at every republican national convention in which political prizes were to be distributed. The southern doubleheader is the inevitable outcome of the peculiar basis of apportionment that prevails in our national conventions, by which a state like Florida, for example, which is practically without a republican organization and which by no conceivable contingency can give a single electoral vote to the republican presidential ticket, is given the same number of delegates as a state like Washington, whose entire congressional delegation is republican and whose electoral vote is sure to be republican. Georgia, which has not a single republican senator or congressman at Washington, will have just as many votes although there are not as many repub-50 lican votes cast in all of Georgia as there are in a single county in Iowa.

The unavoidable result of the disproportionate representation accorded to southern states is to put a premium on double-headers and to make national convention delegations from the southern states merely trading stock for federal office-holders and their friends on one side and federal officeseekers and their friends on the other. It makes the quadrennial scramble for 8,450 national convention delegates in these Daily average...... 35,962 ful of "ins" and a handful of "outs" who want to get in.

It is not for the democratic opposi-Subscribed in my presence and sworn to lit is not for the democratic opposibefore me this lat day of February, 1908. tion, however, to berate the republicans for this unfortunate state of affairs, because the democrats have just as flagrant examples of misrepresentation in their convention as have the republicans. While the republicans give two delegates apiece to each of the territories and insular possessions, the democrats give them six delegates apiece, with the consequence that Hawali will have as much voice in the Denver convention as Wyoming, and that Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska will have more weight in numbers than Nebraska. It is notorious that at the Kansas City convention eight years ago Mr. Bryan's draft of the platform was saved in the committee on resolutions only by the vote of the delegate from

Efforts have been made repeatedly by the republicans to correct the manifest injustice of the long established basis of apportionment for the national David Bennett Hill is going to the than has attended the efforts made to Denver convention. He insists that correct the disproportionate and unjust while he is out of politics he has not representation accorded to southern states in congress. Most of the proposals have aimed to give each state and congressional district an arbitrary number of delegates and additional delegates either for a prescribed number of votes polled in the preceding presidential election or for each republican senator or representative in congress. Every time a convention is held. the double-headers from the southern states emphasize anew the eventual necessity of revising the basis of apportionment in our national conventions, if our political parties are to respond correctly to the real wishes of the rank and file of their membership.

COLLEGE SPORTS CONTRASTED. Germans and Americans alike will have a better appreciation of the inaddress delivered by President Hadley Mr. Bryan declared that the New of Yale before a distinguished audience York Stock exchange has graduated at Berlin. By the terms of an agree- by friend and foe. To rescue his memory more embezzlers than Fagin's school ment made last year for an exchange from the stigma attached to it by emof thieves. The exchange is larger of professors between the German bittered prejudice and ignorance, and to and American universities, President "Remorse" has restored \$800 to a University of Berlin. He signalized his shaft. bank in New York which he de- appearance by an address on "Ameri- In the first place, Henry Wirz was

lege sports. Secretary Taft will make a western also in most of the European countries viewing the evidence, said: trip this week as far as Kansas City, except in England, where alone the where he will be welcomed by new American love of outdoor athletics is a saturnalia of enjoyment for the prisoner. Hughes is scheduled for an address in dent is not capable of meeting an such nameless biasphemy and ribald jests. Chicago next week, which will be his American in any form of outdoor ath- as at times to exhibit him rather as a

and the pigskin.

up in his plans for improving and ad- should not pervert the truth. vancing the nation's agricultural inpart in political discussions. On that careful reading of the secretary's address to the cattle growers will relieve all political anxiety. He has en-American live stock and has withheld all reference to Jefferson's policy of improving American politics.

in the Chicago convention as Iowa, He scoured Europe to secure the best the wash tubs and two beautifully though he made the mistake of neglecting the American cow. Secretary Wilson urges the American farmof the kind now reserved for epicures and sold at exorbitant prices.

The prospect is most alluring, seem-

furnished from wild cattle of the and tough gristle. Today we depend more largely upon the home-fed product. As the ranges disappear, more and more of the beef stock will attention is given to the care of the animals and more sense used in selection for fattening purposes. Secretary Wilson is urging the growers to study and appreciate the fact that it us to write more and to write faster. costs less to fatten a thoroughbred pays better to have a few choice beeves stock. The farmer should understand that he must have the best of everything and improve all his stock, or

no one will be benefited. Nebraska farmers and those adjoin ing western states have long apyear for the best breeders the markets of the world offer and, as a result, are furnishing the choice beefsteaks for the tables of the world.

THE WIRZ MONUMENT

In view of the remarkable and gratifying progress made in the last decade toward wiping out the last vestige of sectional hatred between the north and the south, it is deplorable that the organization known as the "United Daughters of the Confederacy" has seen fit to decide upon an inscription upon the monument to be erected to Henry Wirz, the former keeper of the confederate prison at Andersonville, which distorts the established facts and calculated only to rekindle a controversy that had much better be forgotten. The proposed inscription is as follows:

In memory of Major Henry Wirz, tried by Hlegal court-martial under false charges fluence of college sports on student sentenced and judicially murdered at Washlife and character after a study of the ington. D. C., November 10, 1865. That the United States government, not Major Wirz, is chargeable with the suffering at Andersonville, there is abundant proof furnished restore it to its rightful place among mer the Georgia division of the United Daugh-Hadley will spend this year at the ters of the Confederacy has raised this

frauded. R. E. Morse may have that can University Life," somewhat daring never a major. He was a captain, and. in the extent to which it pointed out, in his own petition for elemency, stated at least by implication, some of the that he was a native of Switzerland and defects of the educational system in intended to return to that country to Germany and other European coun- live if pardoned. While he served the tries, particularly in the matter of col- confederacy, he was not of it, and should not be mentioned in the same While cabled reports of the lecture breath with the brave men who gave are disappointingly incomplete, they their lives for the cause they thought are sufficient to show that President was right. He was tried by a special Hadley praised American superiority military commission, composed of three in the matter of college athletics. He major generals, three brigadier genpointed out that the American college erals, one colonel and one lieutenant students row, swim, play base ball, colonel, all men of the highest standfoot ball and other games and have ing and incapable of rendering a false intense rivalry and activity in all field or malicious judgment, even under the sports, with the result that the college stress of the enraged public sentiment man who has participated in the ath- of that time. The attorney general of letic part of the course leaves his uni- the United States pronounced the proversity with a physical as well as a ceedings thoroughly legal. The trial mental equipment. The reports do lasted two months and more than 150 not state that President Hadley con- witnesses were examined and an imtrasted this with the habits and train- mense mass of documentary evidence Of course, if Bryan wants them to Ing of the students in the German uni- offered. Captain Wirz was represented sink their differences, the warring versities, but he left the inference by eminent counsel and had every op-Dahlmanites and Jacksonians will ob- plain that the American system was portunity of defense. The charges insequiously submit. Democracy is "the more desirable. In Germany much cluded murder, cruelties and unspeakthe only oracle empowered to tell what given over to drinking bouts, endur- prisoners. The prisoner was found ance tests at pipe smoking and duels guilty on every count in the indictment with rapiers. This system is in vogue and the judge advocate general, in re-

This work of death seems to have been who, amid these savage orgies, evidenced demon than a man. It was his continual boast that by these barbarities he was de-

generals were on the battlefield.

unfortunate tendency of American col- changed by writing inscriptions on homa legislature, killed the bill and but in the final analysis our system is heroes whose memories are properly of a private insurance company in incomparably preferable to the Euro- cherished, but no organization can ever which banks might insure their depean system, where more attention is succeed in making a hero out of the posits if they wished. That extra paid to the sword, the "kneipe" and unspeakable Wirz. While it is hoped session of the Nebraska legislature the pipe than to the oar, the base ball that the exchange of fraternal feeling is indefinitely postponed. between the soldiers of the north and south which has recently been in prog-BETTER BEEFSTEAKS IN PROSPECT. ress may continue until all past differ-Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is ences are obliterated, the north should official life, although he is so wrapped have a monument the inscription on it much, if he could, to make the presi-

America's great wizard of invention, account, some of the political leaders Thomas A. Edison, is said to be enmay experience a shock when they gaged just now in perfecting a scheme learn that the secretary has been by which dwelling houses may be warmly approving certain policies of moulded to order after various stock Thomas Jefferson. However, more patterns, very much as pressed glass vases are produced at the glass factory or coins struck off at the mint. As quoted by interviewers, Mr. Edison is dorsed Jefferson's policy of improving confident that he can set up a hollow model of nickel-plated cast iron and pump it full of cement concrete, so that when the mould is removed the dwell-According to Secretary Wilson, Mr. ing house will be practically complete, Jefferson was the first American to except for the interior finishing and take an active interest in getting bet- decorations, from the cellar to the ter breeds of horses, mules and sheep. garret, including the kitchen sink and breeds to improve the native stock, al- turned flower vases at each side of the porch steps. Aladdin's lamp furnished the ma-

of cattle and asserts that if this is people have been regaled for centuries, also working on a new comedy. done the humblest table in the land but if Mr. Edison can make good on may, in a few years, be abundantly his present proposition, Aladdin's lamp supplied with the choicest beefsteaks will have to go to the scrap heap. Of course, the very name of Edison in connection with an advertised invention made, or to be made, carries im- to death, ing almost too good to be true, but mediate conviction to a great many the improvement already made is people, but even Edison has been promise of the greater improvement known to make promises not yet fulthat may be made. Only a few years filled. At one time he predicted that, ago the bulk of American beef was with the perfection of his phonograph, the art of writing would vanish from Texas plain that ran largely to horn the earth and instead of mailing letters to our friends, we would simply send a scroll into which we had talked and communicate our thoughts to distant lands by the sound of our own voice. come from the farms, where special But the volume of the mails has been constantly increasing instead of decreasing and, instead of abolishing letter writing, we have been constantly seeking for new contrivances to enable

It is to be hoped that Edison's dwellthan it does a maverick and that it ing house moulds may turn out better than did his voice moulds, but most of than a pasture full of half-fattened us, like the gentleman from Missouri, will have to be shown.

MORE EXCUSES FOR BAD SPELLING.

The Simplified Spelling board, a more or less self-appointed body, has made another attempt at vivisection of the preciated the importance of this ad- English language by a call to the counvice. They are paying top prices each try to accept another job lot of seventyseven orthographical atrocities as 'something equally as good" as the simon pure article. This list is in addition to the 300 words offered by the board in March, 1906, thus making a total of 377 different excuses for bad spelling. The new list runs from "ake" for "ache" to "yoman" for "yeoman," at which point the appropriation for clerk hire was apparently exhausted.

No school boy with an inborn batred of Webster and McGuffey ever succeeded in the vast enterprise of twisting the English language into unrecognizable shape so well as this new word factory has done. Among the new words is "thum" for "thumb." It sounds all right, but the American people are going to be slow about having their thumbs amputated in that way. While the people suffer, particularly in political campaigns and at house cleaning time, from too much tongue, it is the bills. of excessive cruelty to federal prisoners, doubtful if they will soon agree to shorten it to "tung." There will be a protest, too, against changing choir to 'quire," making the announcement 'music by the quire" look like a call for a music roll. But the real protest will come against the proposition to change "phthisic" to "tisic" and never used except at spelling bees in of Mr. Bryan's peculiarities. He edits a the rural districts and the attempt to change them is nothing short of a and he has succeeded in so far convincing direct blow at one of the nation's most cherished and firmly established insti-

There is doubtless room for reform of our written language, as there is of business, political and social methods. but it will be a work of slow growth, enforced by custom and approved by the ribbon. reason. It will not be accomplished by asking the public to accept as a guide a list of words that look as though they might have been coined by an out of gear typewriting machine.

After 2,500 men had marched to the city hall at Detroit clamoring for work, the city authorities decided to battleship fleet is "climbing up to the relieve the apparent distress by beginning the construction of a canal across Belle Isle. Ten men applied for work. There are unemployed in all the large cities at this time of year and every effort should be made to give them assistance when necessary and work when possible, but the men who join parades of "the unemployed" are usually missing when the work test is applied.

won his favor with the Shonts family because of his performance on the the marriage agreement shows that any cash to pay the fiddler.

The Kansas legislature, called for streying more union soldiers than rebei the specific purpose of passing a depositors' guaranty law along lines sugat the brutalism of foot ball and the History in this matter cannot be gested by Mr. Bryan and the Okla- game and rude enough to show it.

Mr. Bryan's Commoner prints the main parts of President Roosevelt's message, headed, "The President's Call one of the staunchest republicans in insist, and will insist, that if Wirz is to to Arms." Mr. Bryan would like very dent's call to arms a call to enlist behind Colonel Bryan, but he will have a terests that he rarely takes any active MOULDING HOUSES WHILE YOU WAIT. hard time persuading the people to see

In a recent speech the president of the New York clearing house declared that "when the load was too heavy to carry it had to give way, and all this would have happened if President Roosevelt had never been born." Business men appreciate the truth of such statements, even if the politicians do

It will be noticed that congress is giving more heed to the demand for tariff revision since it comes from the men who keep the wheels of industry going instead of from the professional agitators against the existing order.

George Ade has been selected as a delegate to the republican national convention from the Tenth Indiana terial for a series of fairy tales upon district and instructed to vote for Mr. ers to pay more attention to the breed which succeeding generations of young Fairbanks for president. Mr. Ade is

Bound to Knock Some Way.

Cleveland Leader The eastern democrats who are trying to find a substitute for Bryan are determined to compel the Nebraskan to laugh himself

Cause for Rejoicing.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Seventy-five unoffending words have been added to the list of mangled examples of simplified spelling treatment. It is pointed out that of this number the condensing board has really done the language a service in shortening phthisic and phthisis

A Grateful Republic.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat A number of British soldiers, veterans of the Indian mutiny and the Crimean war, have been discovered in English workouses, and a subscription is under way for their relief, King Edward heading the list with \$5,250. No reproach of this kind can rest against the United States. The brave men who responded to its call to arms have better places provided for them than the almshouses.

> "Come, Let's Be Friends." Springfield Republican.

With three United States supreme cour decisions, one after the other, in their favor, employers of labor who have been active in fighting the unions are expressing a desire for peace. "Come, now, let us be friends," says one of them who has every reason to be well satisfied, and the unions might do worse by themselves than to accept the invitation. It seems to concede some degree of that "recognition" of their existence which is so much insisted on.

Taxing Imported Husbands.

Baltimore American. A bill has been introduced in the Albany legislature taxing all dowries or marriage settlements made by female residents of the state to aliens. The idea is to keep at least a part of the money in the country which is now going out to titled fortune hunters. If the bill passes imported husbands will be taxed like other luxuries, but not in proportion to their worth, as in the majority of the cases, as they turn out, that would amount to practically nothing as a revenue.

White Labor Crowding Out Japs.

Portland Oregonian. Hard times in southern California have not proved an unmitigated evil, for they have brought with them an abundance of white labor which is now crowding the Japanese out of employment. The change is welcomed by the fruit growers and small last few years labor had been so scarce that the Japanese became very tyrannical in their bearing and correspondingly objectionable to the men who were paying

Consider the Source.

Philadelphia Record. Mr. Bryan was able to deport himself at the Berry dinner on Saturday night with admirable self-repression and forgetfulness. He did, indeed, find occasion to commiserate with the people of New Jersey because they are "so near the big cities that the minds of the people are poisoned with the paid editorials of a subsidized 'phthisis" to "tisis." Those words are press." This harmless hullucination is one newspaper himself which tirelessly exploits a favorable candidate for the presidency, himself that he has no use for newspapers that put forth contrary opinions. On this subject he is a political paranolac, who must be lenlently considered.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

As a specimen of pure fiction, a current description of "Wall street's laugh" takes From now on till Friday night youthful

hopes will rise or fell as the postman pauses as he passes the family door. Toledo ice men send out from their grates doors this chunk of advice to dealers in congealed water, "Be good and you'll be happy.'

Mark Twain draws the opinion that the most difficult task now before the American equator. Consideration played a part in the matrinorial career of the latest unhitched

American heiress-consideration at the wed-

(but of his abundant navigating experience

ding and at the divorce. The earl of Yarmouth is doing nicely, considering. A Chicago jury overtops Omaha's record personal injury verdict of \$28,000 by \$7,000. the highest every returned in the wind; city. Juries are becoming expert in handling sockdolagers to arrogant wealth.

James J. Hill distinguishes himself i swearing as conspicuously is in other activities. He tackled a \$250,000 personal tax assessment in New York recently and when The Duc de Chaulnes is said to have he got through with it the figures were melted down to \$15,000.

An Ohlo judge sentenced himself to the violin. In spite of that, the terms of workhouse to feel by practical experience the nature of the punishment he handed out to others. As the Buckeye state is Papa Shonts has refused to set aside exercising special privileges this year, the precedent is not likely to spread.

> Tom Lawson turns upon his whilem admirers a look of intense disgust and shricks that the people watched him waging war "on the system" and "just grinned." Evi dently, some of the lambs were on to th

unfortunate tendency of American col-leges to make athletics too prominent. Later day monuments. The south has passed one permitting the formation



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SERMONS BOILED DOWN.

There can be no recreation in any desc Humoring our sins will not heal our sinfulness.

High livers are likely to come down to ow levels. Its hard getting solid with sin without getting soiled.

Folks seldom fuse together much in heated argument. The best way to sympathize with some is to shake them. It is better to find freedom through pain

than freedom from it. It's not much use praying for fruits until you get some roots. Heavenly treasures are only saved for ourselves as we share them. The nearer home any reform begins the

farther and higher it will go. Muny think they are bold because the enjoy entertaining the devil.

Praying is not a scheme for making peaches grow on pumpkin vines. There are no good points about the char acter that sticks into everybody.

There is little of the bread of life in the ermon preached for bread and butter. The holiness that makes no one happy is one of the most subtle forms of injunity Making a child happy is the first step and long one, too, toward making him holy. The markets of sin are those where many characters are sold and yet none are bought,-Chicago Tribune.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Kansas City Star: The Ministers' asseciation in Cincinnati halls President Roose velt as "a greater force for righteousness than all the preachers in the world." President Roosevelt has two distinct advantages over the other preachers: His congregation numbers \$5,000,000 and he does not have to "pass the hat."

Baltimore American: The Utica minister who has started a series of meetings at which women can assemble and relieve their minds by indulging unmolested in gossip should remember that gossip is not confined to any one sex. However, the men will doubtless induce their respective wives to detail to them the choicest and most scandalous stories upon their return home, and in this way benefit by the minis-

Philadelphia Ledger: A church in Jersey City is inclined to call a certain man to its pulpit, but the objection has arisen that farmers, for during the good times of the he has seven children. This domestic circumstance the thrifty congregation fears will necessitate a larger salary than it cares to pay. Perhaps the objection is sound. To see the minister wearing shiny clothes, and his wife a shabby dress and year-before-last bonnet is trying enough. but the thought of seven youngsters, each reproachfully hungry, is enough to give pause. The alternative of paying a fair salary and not taking any official count of the ministerial babies is, of course, too radical to be considered,

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"That girl Jinx married turned out well, idn't she, dear?"
"Hump! She turned out today in a dress wouldn't wear to a dog fight,"—Houston

"That rich heiress let me hold her hand last night."
"Don't tell me them yarns."
"Fact. At the bridge table, while she answered a 'phone call."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"When you graduate from that cooking chool," asked Tess, "do you get a "Sometimes," replied Jess. "you get a sertificate for a post-graduate course."
"A certificate?" "Yes, a marriage certificate,"-Philadel-

Tess-And what do you think? Mr. Goodart hadn't been alone with me five minutes before he offered to kiss me. Jess-Yes, that's one thing about Jack Goodart; he's just as soft-hearted and

charitable as he can be.-Philadelphia

"Drinking is a matter of habit with him, "Exactly; he goes on a tear every time his wife buys a new habit."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Poor Dear Public-You ought to be able to do something for us next summer, Mr. Iceman, it's such freezing weather now. Iceman (haughtily)—That cuts no ice with me.-Baltimore American.

"It was a curious thing about that miner who was rescued after being entombed for nearly a week."
"What about him?"
"He didn't ask for a chew of tobacco the

first thing."-Chicago Record Heraid. "What are the senator's relations with the Standard Oil trust?" asked the visitor om the west.
'I believe he's a sort of relation by mar-uge,' said the Washington man.—Chi-

cago Tribune.

Old Hunks-When I came to this town. fixteen years ago, real estate in the block where I live was higher priced than it is Old Hewligus-It would be so in any slock where you'd settle down.-Chicago

CONTENTMENT.

Chicago Post. Day, and the songs it sings; Night, and the dreams it bri These are the best of all; Rustle of sighing leaves. brings-

Through realms where no line bars. Them in their endless course; Dawn laughing at the brook Which breathes to every nook Word of its distant source.

Aye, and the song is sweet In a soft undertone; Blending the harsh and dull Into fair strains that lull

Night, with the city lights Gleaming from all the heights Telling of some one's quest, Glimmering one by one As though torch-bearers run Calling the world to rest.

City, and field, and wood-Ho, but the world is good

When one looks on and sees!
When one looks on and hears
Tuned to the chiming spheres
All of the melodies.

Day, and the songs it sings; Night, and the dreams it brings-Woven are they, and blent nto the perfectness that is but meant to bless Into a great content.

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