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Treasurer. Subscribed in my presence and aworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1908. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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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.

Democratic sympathy for Senator Foraker will soon reach a fever heat.

The congressional investigation is showing pretty clearly that Public Printer Stillings is a wrong font.

have a row on. Those towns are always up in the air over something.

Senator Foraker discovers that when he thought he was running for the he thought he was running for the presidency he was merely marking of a fixed program and lack of an es-

It is said that C. W. Morse never allows financial matters to worry him. Certainly not. His creditors are doing the worrying.

Senator Knox is going to take his presidential boom into Michigan this week. He will not have to pay for any excess baggage.

That vaccination order may be harmless for the children, but it seems to carry with it serious complications for some of the parents.

was defeated by political sharp prac- that he has paid out that amount for tice. Even in defeat the senator retains his sense of humor.

"Japanese Diet increases the taxes," ought to eat more modestly until they recover from the effects of the war.

Those Pennsylvania contractors who paid such fancy prices for furnishings for the state capitol are now ready to pay fancy prices for a little whitewash.

Speaker Cannon says that he never swore in his life and he is probably ready to declare that any man who says he has is a blankety blanked liar.

The Pullman company proposes to give its porters a tip once every year. The traveling public, in the meantime, will be expected to tip them every day.

year. Omaha has all the facilities for them right.

Tremendous protest is made because the president appoints political friends to office. Would he be expected to keep federal places for his political enemies?

A man in a Michigan prison is said to have eaten three electric light buibs in an effort to commit suicide. Shows the folly of trying to kill yourself by a light meal.

Mr. Bryan has already put on steam enough to deliver seven speeches in one day. At this rate he will have to be in continuous eruption as soon as he is nominated at Denver.

Leslie M. Shaw is said to have made \$111,000 in his one year in Wall street It is not surprising that he made it, but there will be wonder that Wall street allowed him to get away with it.

The temporary truce declared be- ain in the last twelve months. tween the Dahlmanites and the Jacksoulans makes our only democratic

onvention at Denver and through the this point Coilier's says:

the larger cities of the world. Much

They build for permanency, as a rule,

too, foreigners are more careful about

their buildings after they are con-

country. The fire lesson is an ex-

WHERE THE STATE COMES IN.

A definite ruling has been made by

There never was any question as to

the state would come out ahead by

But when the state begins paying

been taken in the reform of jail feed-

plished in Douglas county in this di-

rection can be accomplished likewise in

large measure in every other county in

the state in which the jail has steady

for either by the county or the state.

now been put on a salary basis the

graft as a perquisite of the sheriff in

these other counties is as inexcusable

It is a dead give-away on the so

vote for Roosevelt wherever a presi-

This is an open confession that La Fol-

Governor Sheldon has been duly

launched into the arena as a candidate

ered at the Lincoln day banquet of the

Marquette club at Chicago by State

Superintendent McBrien. The gov-

ernor, himself, has made no official an-

nouncement, but if the Chicago con-

for vice president by the speech deliv-

as it would be in Douglas county.

too slow to learn it.

campaign platforms and textbooks in Americans boast that their fire depart-Entered at Omaha Postoffice as second that may be offered to the voters of cles," the credit will have to go to New York's rotten hose), they are un- fool. John Sharp Williams, minority leader in the house. Mr. Bryan and other tion in a great foreign country in a year. eminent democrats have been so busy If a fraction of our annual fire loss, not recommendations that there was a the construction of really fireproof build-Omaha—The Bee Building.
South Omah2—City Hall Building.
Council Suffs—16 Scott Street.
Chicago—1640 University Building.
New York—1698 Home Life Insurance
This sentiment has become so pronounced among democrats that Consuperiority of fire fighting equipment, gressman Henry of Texas, one of the for all admit that our own is much

> said in a speech the other day: The president has sent to congress ce. tain principles for which the democrats have always contended and still contend of the difference is undoubtedly due I believe the democrats should get together to greater care exercised by foreigners and indorse those recommendations by caucus action and then tender them to the republicans. "Here," we would say to the republicans, "are the things that we have take more time for construction and long stood for, and for which some of you use more fireproof material. Then, stand. Your president says they ought to be enacted and we offer you the united democratic vote." We will move to sus-17...... 38,300 pend the rules and they can be passed in structed. They enforce most stringent

ablest members of the house minority,

Mr. Henry's suggestion was met with applause among the democrats, sult is shown in an annual fire loss in 23...... 36,250 but John Sharp Williams, realizing the all France, for instance, that is less 24...... 36,460 political danger to his party, rushed than the average monthly loss in this to the rescue and protested against the acceptance of Theodore Roosevelt's 38...... 37,120 latest message as a democratic docu-29...... 36,060 ment. He declared that it "contained things sensationally federalistic and dangerous to the public," and that violated the cardinal principles of the new law governing jail feeding in democracy. He criticised the presi- Douglas county the state is entitled to men connected with law-violating cor- ing penitentiary prisoners after conporations. He charged the president viction that the county pays for feedwith insincerity on the labor question ing them before conviction. and censured him for falling to recommend tariff revision. He opposed this being the intent of the new law. the financial legislation urged by re- In fact, it was discussed when the bill democrats were pledged to tariff re- feeding was pending before the legisvision, election of United States sena- lature and the saving which the state tors by popular vote, to an income and | would make was one, among others, of inheritance tax and to many policies the inducements that brought about directly antagonistic to views held by its enactment. It was figured out that

Perhaps the most significant feature from \$500 to \$1,000 a year, to say democrats who had applauded Con- time of the incentive for detaining or less accidental. gressman Henry's suggestion that the penitentiary convicts in the county jail party in congress should meet in cau- after sentence up to the full thirty-day cus and indorse the president's mes- limit, as had previously been the prac-New York and Chicago balloon clubs sage were loudest and most emphatic tice. in their huzzahs when Mr. Williams Mr. Roosevelt into their fold. It up to this time have been rendered at for about four years. tablished code of principles affecting extent of the leak that used to be left the democratic party in playing its open must be impressed on the taxpart in the national politics of the day. payers. And when the bills for jail

SAMPLE OF PETTY GRAFT. The decision of the secretaries to members of congress to form an or- charging 50 cents a day, the disparity ganization for the purpose of protecting themselves from their employers calls attention to a system of petty grafting in effect in Washington for ing and that what has been accomyears. Under the law each member of the house is allowed \$125 a month to pay for the services of a secretary. The salary does not go to the secretary direct, but is drawn by the member, who Senator Foraker now claims that he signs a voucher in which he testifies clerical help. The secretaries complain that in many instances they are compelled to work for \$75 a month or less, while the money intended for says a Tokio cable. The Japanese them goes to the members. In other cases members either keep the entire allowance themselves or give it to members of their family. The secretaries take the apparently logical posi- called La Follette movement in Netion that congress intends to furnish braska for the La Follette manager to its members with clerks or secretaries advise people, as he is now doing, to and that the money should be paid directly to the clerks instead of passing dential preference vote is to be had.

through the hands of the members. The justice of the claims of the sec- lette has no sufficient following in Neretaries is self-evident. Every mem- braska to warrant him in expecting ber who is at all in touch with his con- support from our national convention stituents has work enough to keep a delegation, but would like to smuggle oly there, and it is well that this is so. secretary reasonably busy and the in a delegate or two by hitching on to money for the service should go to the the popularity of President Roosevelt. person who renders it. Congress lib- We do not believe any number of sinerally supplies each member with an cere Roosevelt republicans in Nebraska Omaha is after conventions for next office, with unlimited stationery, free or elsewhere are likely to be fooled by postage and incidental supplies and a any such transparent trick. taking care of big conventions and it salary of \$7,500 a year, with mileage can get them if it will only go after sufficient to enable him to travel in luxury and still effect a saving. The attempt to supplement these generous perquisites by intercepting any part of the money allowed for clerical service is contemptibly petty.

> AME RICAN AND EUROPEAN FIRES. The fire losses in the United States for January of the present year amounted to \$3,000,000, or nearly as much as the loss by fire in the entire United Kingdom for the year 1907. The American consul general at Berlin reports that the annual fire loss of that city, with a population of nearly 3,000,000, is about \$1,000,000, or, as the consul puts it, "less than that entailed by one moderately large fire in the United States." The fire at Portland, Me., a few days ago, for instance, entailed a greater loss than all the fires in Berlin for a year, and the recent fire in the Parker block in New York caused more damage than all the fires of consequence in Great Brit-

· Causes for this great difference in fire losses as between the United to provide for. congressman breathe easier at this States and foreign countries form a welcome relief from imminent danger subject for dispute. Collier's Weekly of being caught between the two firing apparently takes it for granted that every emphasis that he gave that

ure of Americans to employ improved he was quoted as denouncing labor If the democrats succeed in their methods of fireproof construction. On unions and declaring that the workingframing a declaration of principles ments are the finest in the world, but ticularly love Mr. Morgan, it will acthere is less to boast of in the fact that such fine departments are needed, the nation, with room for dispute be- and that with all their skill and all their of intelligence. The French editor

tween them and the "Roosevelt poli- perfection of appliances (not meaning has made him appear in the role of a able to prevent losses in single catastrophes that balance the entire destruc approving Mr. Roosevelt's acts and to speak of our payments for protection first effect of reciprocity treaties with that does not protect, were devoted to France and Germany would be to put The customer must take the dealer's figgrowing danger that the convention ings, a great conflagration might event- \$75,000,000 in gold into the middle at Denver would have to endorse prac- unliy be as rare a spectacle here as it is west for farm products. The western tically a republican platform, modeled abroad and most of our insurance pre- farmer already is able to sell all he task of preventing short weight in prepared mlums could be devoted to other uses. No one will contend that the smaller fire loss in foreign countries is due to

> Mr. Bryan told his audience at Mon better, the American fire fighting aptreal that the democrats are united for pliances being in use in nearly all of tariff revision. The quickest way to start a riot in the democratic councils | walked into the Bedford avenue police stais to propose a reduction of the tariff on sugar. On that proposition the democrats from the cane-growing the man that a night's rest would mean in the construction of their buildings. states are all high protectionists.

Mr. Bryan says that his greatest oblection to Governor Johnson of Minnesota as a presidential candidate is that he has been endorsed by the New York 18 ...... 36,150 thirty minutes. It is not only good politics. regulations for the use of matches and World. It is difficult to predict what combustibles of all kinds and employ the effect would be if the World should every precaution imaginable. The re- endorse Mr. Bryan.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Instead of being a warlike demonstration pensive one and Americans have been

> Washington Herald. Mr. Thomas W. Lawson says he is will ng to bet \$100,000 that Theodore Roosevelt is his own successor. In spite of his mintake that bet himself.

Baltimore American. With one Hungarian count marrying Miss anderbilt and her millions, another reported to be on the point of marrying her mother, and a third coming over to try his publican leaders. He insisted that changing the method of county jail luck in catching an helress, Hungary !s setting a merry pace in the European selzing of good matrimonial business chances

> A Discordant Leake. New York Tribune.

of the incident is the fact that the nothing of the removal at the same sent and disapproval may have been more

Cincinnati Enquirer. William J. Bryan is reported to have been dormant four hours lately. Mr. Bryan has so many things to watch these days that he has scarcely time to sleep. If Mr. Bryan pointed out to them why it would be jail-feeding bills for Douglas county keeps awake till the election he will be so impossible for the democrats to take at the rate of 19 cents a day, which victimized by insomnia that he will not be

Philadelphia Record.

Men who are making the American Niagara falls grind out electricity for them ought to be satisfied with the bounties of nature, but they are not; they demand feeding from Douglas county come in also bounties from the government. They at the rate of 19 cents a day, while all complain that electricity produced by the the other counties in Nebraska are Canadian falls is coming into the United States and competing with theirs, and we presume they are ready to show that the must be so marked as to convince the Canadian falls work for lower wages than next legislature that only one step has

Results of the Maine Disaster. Baltimore American Ten years since the Maine was blown up and what years of progress and notable events they have been for this country Spain, too, has made advances, and under its intelligent young King Alfonso is not boarders, whose meal tickets are paid liable to go backward, in spite of the fact that some of its richest possessions were taken from it. Cuba has profited, too, and The sheriffs throughout Nebraska have will soon be forced to show that it is capable of self-government. Has it learned same as the sheriff of Douglas county. the lesson the United States has tried so and the continuance of the jail-feeding hard to teach it?

> Portland Oregonian Mr. Roosevelt is a consummate politician That is one reason why his enemies hate umny. ago, and, seating some compliant tool in

vention should find itself at a loss for of Mammon As a politician Mr. Roosevelt is incor vice presidential timber, Nebraska parably superior to his enemies, but that

could easily supply the demand. The Otoe county delegates to the democratic state convention have just been appointed by the democratic committee without inviting the aid or consent of the democratic rank and file by either caucus, primary or mass convention. This undemocratic action seems, however, to be entirely overlooked by our amiable democratic con-A Nebraska postoffice that pays not to exceed six dollars a month is going

J. Pierpont Morgan denies with most of the trouble is due to the fail- French editor the interview in which right name.

is one of the contingencies the rules of

the ple counter recently adopted by the

Nebraska delegation in congress failed

men must accept lower wages or starve. While the public does not parcept his denial. Mr. Morgan is a man

The president of the American Reciprocal Tariff league says that the can raise, but will undertake to supply foods, such as cereals, meats and liquids, a few new customers if they have the

Passing the Loving Cup.

a chip on his shoulder.

Just Like Finding the Money.

isterial robes, we can't help thinking Chancellor Day wishes the president would

Hungary for the Helresses.

One democratic member of congress has plucked up enough courage to say publicly | two of the big successes the audiences conthat he does not indorse Mr. Bryan or his sisted of a corporal's guard. This condition political methods. As the orator's name has largely passed away. This is strikis Leake, this outward expression of dis- ingly shown at the theaters, where "stand-

Working Overtime.

A Wrecked Promoter.

Springfield Republican. Charles W. Morse's attempt to create teamship monopoly in the North Atlantic coastwise trade was only a little more of failure than J. P. Morgan's transatlantic into his scheme after the futility of the Morgan effort had been demonstrated. He sought to clinch the matter by buying up docking facilities, but even this did not avail, and now his consolidated concern, or receivers, while his bonds are selling at less than 10 per cent of the par value. The ocean still remains broad and free enough to defy attempts at transportation monop

ROOSEVELT AND THE PEOPLE. Reasons for the Former's Strength

with the Masses.

Were he stupid they could outwit

Were his ambitions alien to the popular will, they could ruin him by cal-Were he less than a master of masters in the sword play of politics, they would have given him the death stab long the presidential chair, would have completed their schemes to establish a pluto cratic oligarchy and make the American people forever slaves to the evil hierarchy

the smallest of his advantages over To them the common man is but a clod to be trodden under foot, a sheep to be shorn, a beast of burden to be worked out and east upon the dunghiil. But Roose velt, like Lincoln, sympathizes with the common man. He knows the heart of the people, he hears the cry of their wrongs and burns with indignation against their oppressors. It is a low phrase to say that man lives with his ear to the ground, and gave a modern version of the heroic "deof Roosevelt it is not true. 'The more fense of the Alamo" by "holding the fort" politician must watch and listen and spy in that historic building. Monday and Tuesto learn what the people desire and form day last, defying the sheriff, a court inhis servile opinion whether or not they desire it earnestly enough to make it ad- yield possession to a rival faction of the vantageous for him to take their side. But daughters. The state took possession and Roosevelt knows what the people want saved the day and the heroine a-begging for someone to take it. This without practice of these unworthy arts. They want justice and he wants justice, What more is needed to put him in harmony with the feeling and thought of the nation? It is a noble trait of the president Shorey of Chicago university appearing that he knows human nature well enough to trust it. He makes his appeal to the deeps of the popular mind and heart. He volgarity in the world today than ever

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. An amazing amount of petty cheating among New York merchants is revealed by

the report of the chief of the bureau of weights and measures. Out of 44,276 investigations made by the bureau 2,651 cases, or over 5 per cent of the whole number, were found to be cheats by weights or measure. "There are now 6,000 dealers," says the report, "using correct scales who formerly used fraudulent ones." Shortweight loads of coal, sometimes as much as 25 per cent off, is a regular practice, ures and the penalty of only \$10 for fraud is so trivial as to be almost no deterrent. The bureau is almost swamped with the put up in boxes, wrappers, glass and tin, the labeled weight including both cover and contents, whereas the law requires the weight or measure of the contents only.

A poorly dressed man past middle age, who had papers to prove that he was Count Eugene St. Clair, formerly of France. tion, Williamsburg, last Saturday night and asked for a night's shelter. After questioning the man Lieutenant Lyons told an arraignment in the morning for vagrancy, and that he was apparently a man of too much refinement and education to court such a situation.

"I cannot beg," said the man, "and so I have come here rather than die of cold on the streets.'

An ambulance was sent for from the Williamsburg hospital and Dr. Dangler found the count was suffering from exposure and starvation. The count then confessed that he had not eaten anything for two days and that he had spent the days and nights in the open air.

Count St. Clair told a part of his story the cruise of the big fleet has developed of misfortune and his papers impressed the into a social function. Admiral Evans police with the belief that he was telling carries a loving cup in his arm rather than the truth. He said that he was of a good French family and came to this country years ago. For more than thirty years he had been a teacher of languages here. He

speaks twelve languages, he said. Three years ago he had to give up work because of ill health and about that time his wife died, leaving him alone in the world. He declared that he had been in many parts of the country and that he had done work whenever he could get it. He had acted as court interpreter in some

If theaters, hotels and lobster palaces are the financial barometer to prosperity then prosperity has returned to town. When the panic first hit the town these places were the first to feel its effects, Luxurles were cut off and restaurants where tables were impossible to obtain on practically any night were as desolate as a cathedral on a week day. The theaters were great sufferers, and beyond one or ing room" signs are seen again. At the leading hotels prosperity is evident on every side. Along the great White Way the lobster palaces last night and tonight were obliged to turn away hundreds. In the palmiest days they have known no greater rush. Prosperity has certainly returned. During the panic it was inexpensive foods and the cheapest drinks. Now the wine crowd has returned.

The Boyertown theater fire has drawn the attention of New York officials to the great multiplication of the moving picture shows, especially on the East side. There are 800 of these registered with the bureau of buildings, which comply with the regulations and have each two exits, but often one of these is merely called so, and as a matter of fact cannot be so used unless a partition shall be torn down in case of an accident. It is plain that in such case the delay required to destroy even a thin partition would result in fatalities. Chief Croker of the fire department does not agree with the building superintendent as to the safety of these places; he regards them as a menace. The "fireproofing" is not fireproof, he says; the partitions around the film machine are nothing more than a curtained shield with a sheet of tin nailed to the ceiling. As the pictures are thrown on a sheet in front of the audience. the machine is so placed that it is directly in the way of the only exit. In places where two exits are provided they are so close that they would be of no use in an emergency. This is the case with the "store" shows, made hastily and slightly in old buildings not designed for such uses.

The slock ones are having something new for the come-ons. It is the fake fur game. It is worked in a simple manner. A little "ad" appears in the papers reading mething like this: "A widow, recently bereaved, will sell her late lamented's handsome fur coat at a great sacrifice." If effort of the kind. Morse, however, plunged you want a good bargain you are requested to write her at a certain address. If you do you are invited to call at a certain house or office, and there you are shown what looks like the real article in fur coats or The "widow" or her "agent" is on the fragments thereof, is in the hands of hand and tells you in order to exchange cold New York for warmer climes the 'widow" will let you have the furs at just one-fifth their real value. They look good, If you are not an expert. It only takes about a day or two before you discover that the furs are nothing but catakin fixed up and dyed to resemble the real article. It is no use to look for the "widow" or

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

If you are favored with a comic valentine don't follow the St. Louis method of shootthe sender. "Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Angeles, Cal., is being talked of for nomination for the presidency by the Prohibition National convention, at Columbus, O. next July. Gathering sponges on the west coast of Florida has progressed from the "lone

Frederick Wheeler, a capitalist of Los

fisherman" to an organized business employing experts. On the east coast sponging is away up in the realms of fine art. Chicago railroad officials lopped off a slice of Kansas City's rainbow by reducing the cost of the proposed union depot from \$27,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Now, if the Kaw villains show proper appreciation for small favors the revised figures may remain or the blackboard for a day or two.

Miss Adina Dezarala of San Antonio, Tex. president of a chapter of the Daughters of the Republic bearing her father's name junction, hunger and thirst, rather than The editor of the Paris Temps declared to

a Chicago reporter that Chicago reminded him of some ways of Paris. What is one's astonishment, then, to see Prof. Faul in print with the statement that "there is infinitely more ugliness and soul-destroying speaks without evasion or subterfuge. He pefore. Nothing in the simpler world of calls a spade a spade. He gives crime its Plato could be so ugly as Cottage Grove avenue." Archer avenue has reformed.



## These meals are always ready; and what do you know that's so good?

You will never bake beans at home again when you once learn the difference between yours and Van Camp's. Note how nutty our beans are-how mealy. None are browned, none are broken; all are baked alike.

And note what a delicious blend we get. It comes from baking the beans, the tomato sauce and the pork all together.

### It isn't your fault, but you cannot begin to bake beans as we bake them

You lack the facilities. Beans must be baked in a very fierce heat, else they are not digestible.

We bake ours 90 minutes at 245 degrees.

Then we bake in live steam. That's why our beans don't brown, don't burst. That is why they are all baked alike, and baked well. That's why they are mealy, yet

# Van Camp's pork and beans baked with tomato sauce

Then you can't get the beans that we get, for ours are selected by hand from the choicest beans grown. We pay for them seven times what some beans would

cost. Then our tomatoes are ripened on the vines-not in shipment. They are picked when the juice fairly sparkles. That gives to our sauce the zest which you don't get in other

# The millions of people who know Van Camp's never want home-baked beans

We have spent 47 years in learning how to best prepare

this dish. Is it any wonder we know? Don't judge Van Camp's by some other brands that are cheapened at every point. It pays to get the best in beans, because your people will eat them more frequently; eat them in place of meat.

And beans are Nature's choicest food-84 per cent 10, 15 and 20# per can.

Van Camp Packing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

SMOOTH AND ENTERTAINING. Pointed Shafts Cleverly Edged by the

President. Philadelphia Record (dem.). Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Foulke con tains several clever things. As a writer of campaign documents and a maker of stump speeches he has few equals and no superiors. The selection of delegates by non-officeholders' conventions, he says, 'means only, so far as it means anything that they are held under the lead of persons who wish to be put in office, bu whose character and capacity are such that they have not been regarded as fit to be appointed under this administration." Their failure to get office is not the result of political action, he says, but "their politica action is due to their failure to secure office." That is a neat disposition of all anti-Taft delegates in the south or elsewhere. So he says also: "My interference with patronage matters in Ohio has been limited to insisting, as I should insist any where else, that oppression to the purposes, policies and friends of the administration shall not be considered as a necessary prerequisite to holding the commis sion of the president." That is delicious He is a very entertaining writer, is Mr.

Theodore Roosevelt. TART TRIFLES.

"What kept you in town so late?" important business, m'dear. "Some very important business, m'dear."
"Could you not have left part of it until

morrow?"
'Nope, it gets flat."—Houston Post. "How did you come out with your case police court?"
"Fine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You think he loves your daughter de votedly?"
"Bure of it."
"How can you be so sure?"
"He had heard her sing before he asked
me for her hand."—Houston Post.

Whispering Customer (producing watch)—came here because I have been told that or came here because I have been told that you are an honest pawnbroker.

Avuncular Patriarch (with a deprecatory smile)—My friend, somebody has been trying to have fun with you.—Chicago Tribune.

"Do you know," asked the spinster aunt, severely, "why they call our present condition a state of single blessedness?" "I know one reason," replied the rebellious

niece, defiantly, "Because I'm blessed it I stay in it."-Philadelphia Press.

"I'm gunning for railroads," announced the trust-buster. "Then come with me," whispered the near-humorist. "I can show you some of their tracks."—Louisville Courier-Journal. "Pa." asked Willie, "what does 'food for the gods' mean?

"Probably," replied the old first-nighter, t means peanuts, plug tobacco and the re."—Baltimore American, The Daily Thunderbolt Reporter who ometimes dropped into verse invaded the lair of the real poet of the staff.
"Rondelle," he said, "I'm lost for a word. "Rondelle," he said, "I'm toot lot Let me look at your rhyming dictionary a

"Rhyming dictionary" exclaimed the al poet, "Sir!"—Chicago Tribune.

CHARGE OF THE SPELLING SQUAD Detroit Free Press. Half a leag, half a leag, Half a leag onward, Gallopt the spelling board, With its three hundred; nockt out one "g" from im is the word for leg. car Brander Mathews

Lern the three hundred. Forward the spelling board, Forward the spelling board.

Teach 'em to spell it 'sord.'

Slashing words lim from lim,

How we have blundered;

We'll never yield the gost,

What the scoffers rost.

Spred them from cost to cost,

All the three hundred.

Dettors to right of them,
Colums to left of them,
Bedsteds to slumber them,
Changed in the making;
Fonografs squeking loud,
Bravely they spelt and rowed—
What tho their heads were now
Wofully aking!

Gone were the extra "p's,"
Dum the allent "b's,"
Difthongs were routed;
Crazed by fonetic schemes,
Quirs singers rote by reams
Such words as solem,
Camfor and colem,
Harang and thum and lam. Harang and thum and lam, Pamflet and diafram,

The the world douted. Bravely they bilt and well, Teaching us how to spell
Campain and bore;
Even that dred diseze,
Tisis, they spell with eze,
Honor such words as these,

Honor such word Rebilt as thoro.

# Be Careful in Buying a Piano

Following every period of financial | The Hospe store has been in the chants try the harder to reap their successful, and it has been able to ob-

usual harvest. "Low prices" they cry, "lower than ever." sacrifice our stock." They attempt to play on your sym-

pathy and touch your sense of economy; in a word they try to make you believe that they will give you something for nothing. But be not deceived. Do not be de-

ers are sacrificing profit-their sub-

terfuge is merely their usual means of

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