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Notay Public.

WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city tem-

porarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested. It is to be noted that a democratic

convention is not a waterways conven-

Hand?" asks the Philadelphia Press. Amputate it. The weather bureau has furnished some figures on the "mean tempera-

ture" for February. It was. Don't grumble about the weather. March is the nature fakir of the calendar and has to live up to its reputa-

tion. John Burroughs refers to an accused nature fakir as "an unconscious inventor." That is Bostonese for a "short and uglier word."

The railroads deny that they are working against Mr. Bryan. They are not even going to close the telegraph office at Fairview.

Japanese merchant prince. Dorothy lating the sale and use of firearms, moneys once paid into the treasury option fight up there, too! is already on the second lap in the race | Lawmakers of the government and of | have been paid out only by treasury to tie her mother's record.

Pall Mall Gazette. Perhaps, but they against carrying concealed weapons. money in certified checks on banks are sometimes mighty expensive when It will be accepted as a great instruthe other fellow holds aces.

Frank A. Munsey is tackling a big job if he attempts to improve the pharacter of the Baltimore News, of the police. which he has just purchased.

The San Francisco Call has an article about "The Cannon Boom in Peru." Just now the Cannon boom is most rampant in Peru and Egypt (III.).

Money must be more plentiful than most folks imagine, if any predatory combination is throwing it away in an effort to beat Mr. Bryan at Denver.

grat.

"Persons born under Aries," says an astrologer, "always think before the present administration. speaking." It is too bad that so few Aries.

"Laws are needed in Kentucky." proposition may be open to discussion. there is no question of the need of law enforcement.

United States Senator Bradley of Kentucky is called "Billy O." by his friends. The democrats of Kentucky with a reasonable profit, to the end that, are calling him names that do not sound at all like that.

"I do not hear any considerable Dahlman talk out in the state," says State Senator "Jim" Brady of Boone county. Mayor "Jim" may have to for a consideration of the tariff quesswap his lariat for a megaphone.

in one week in a Tennessee county, the question settled without the injecserves,

hall at one and the same time threaten tariff revision as distinguished from publican votes? to overtax the capacity of that hot- the advocates of tariff destruction. house of political ambitions. Lucky

esent Nebraska in the Chicago con-

licans there to send men to Chicago who are really for Taft and can be depended upon to put forth their best and the subsequent refusal of its con- impartial enforcement of the laws, imlitical trickery. The factions there for the benefit of the entire country Burkett in the face, and after they that, "we endorse his splendid adthought they had accomplished this ministration and declare that neither ting one side take the delegation to the march toward better government." the delegation to the congressional a very acceptable model for the 1....... 36,760 16....... 38,100 convention. By commissioning Burk- party's national platform. ett as its delegate the First district convention has removed the bone of 20...... 36,300 contention as a possible disturbing factor in the coming state convention. than 160 innocent children have been

It must be gratifying to republicans 9....... 35,000 24...... 36,300 generally throughout Nebraska, who building near Cleveland admonishes have already shown their overwhelm- the authorities everywhere to look to ing preference for Mr. Taft as the suc- the school buildings. sage to Chicago.

MAKING MURDER EASY.

Howard Maxim, who has just in- rials. vented a noiseless firearm, is panicthe awful possibilities of this gun and ings at hand, but they, too, should some source like that. that his conscience is far from easy. 'When you can discharge a bullet," says he, "with practically the same less of expense. Ample exits and velocity and accuracy as with the old metal or stone stairways should be ingun, and do it silently, it is evident sisted upon even in old buildings, and sibility." Mr. Maxim fears that his doors opening inward only, absolutely by the Bryan Volunteers. "What shall we do with the Black invention will be taken advantage of removed by taking the locks off altofirst by those who have no right to it, gether, if necessary, and putting every to be used with perfect adaptability in door on a double swinging hinge. the art of private assassination. He tary and police authorities.

to the art of taking life. The burglar | the school building. and strongarm men have been slow to resort to the use of pistols because of the noise they make. With a gun sassination will have been removed, honest folks greatly increased.

Dorothy Russell has just married a it will serve to hasten legislation regu- operated on a strictly cash basis, and "Kings are a necessity," says the for evil and adopt stringent measures authorize the secretary to pay out

THE OHIO REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

as outlining the platform of the party that will be adopted at the national convention if Mr. Taft is the nominee extent are of national significance. The declaration reflects Mr. Taft's "The democrats should stop kicking not only upon the great problems that and come into camp," says Champ have been solved or placed in the way Clark. When a democrat stops kick- of satisfactory solution under the ading he ceases to be much of a demo- ministration of President Roosevelt, but also upon questions on which Mr. Taft has taken advanced ground without reference to the achievements of

On the question of tariff registon, of our politicians were born under which has not been made prominent their collections in actual money. The to the necessity of prompt action on more urgent matters, the Ohio repub- might be transferred by certified says Editor Watterson. While that licans take, no uncertain ground. They checks or such other method as the declare for:

A revision of the tariff by a special session of the next congress, insuring the maintenance of the true principle of protection by imposing such custom duties as will equal the difference between the cost to change it would involve a com- fied. of production at home and abroad, together without excessive duties. American manuearpers may have adequate protection,

This position is in full accord with the best thought of the public without den uprooting of a system in vogue regard to partisan relations. It calls tion at a special session, probably to implicit confidence. Those proposing be called soon after March 4, 1909, the change, therefore, will probably Fifty-six divorces have been granted when the schedules may be revised and If Tennessee has any respect for the tion of other legislative questions and doctrine of states' rights it will quit without allowing considerations of that a republican senator should be encroaching on South Dakota's pre- partisan advantage to influence action. elected from Kentucky with the help It gives the public a plain promise of of democratic votes. Would it have action, at a specified time and in a been as much of a disgrace if it had the top hat and the "two-tail" coat, to der is that he was ever elected president Two inciplent democratic governors specified manner, and cannot fail to been the other way, so that a demooccupying quarters in the Omaha city please and satisfy the advocates of cratic senator should be elected by re-

Denouncing the methods employed that both are not located on the same in southern states to disfranchise the Omaha primary on the face of the re-

been allowed to name the delegation Georgia, for instance, to send eleven aging. from Lancaster county, which is also members to congress chosen by a Senator Burkett's home county, re- smaller vote than is cast in a single flects simply a determination on the congressional district in some northern

On the issues that have been brought forward by the present republican administration, including railway regulation, prosecution of unlaw-Everybody knows that the presidential ful trusts, the employers' liability law, restriction of the use of injunction. vention to endorse Taft even for sec- provement of the inland waterways, fought out a great sham battle, the the Ohio republicans stand squarely real purpose being to slap Senator behind President Roosevelt, declaring halt nor retreat shall be sounded in

Altogether, the Ohio platform makes

LOOK TO THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The awful disaster in which more burned to death by a fire in a school

This holocaust, which in loss of life the First and the Fourth districts is almost on a par with the recent from Kentucky. He is apparently beproval of the Roosevelt policies to be points an accusing finger at our civilicontinued under Mr. Taft, and to se- zation, which entrusts boys and girls party in Kentucky has only intensified lect their most representative repub- to such firetraps. The rule ought to the feud of the factions there. licans as delegates to carry the mes- be laid down and adhered to firmly that not another school building, public or private, should be constructed to defeat him at Denver "from a man except out of strictly fireproof mate-

have the fire risk in them minimized by every possible precaution regard-

a grand jury indictment of every free show is a great drawing card. Unquestionably, Mr. Maxim's in school district officer who shared in vention may add a certain refinement | the responsibility for the condition of

PROPOSED TREASURY CHANGES. that will do its work effectively and ress at Washington for a revision and without noise, the greatest obstacle rejuvenation of the methods of conto successful crime and secret as- ducting the public business an effort is being made to change the manner and the perils which crime brings upon of effecting disbursements by the treasury to public creditors and also of col-But there is a silver lining to the lecting dues from public debtors. cloud. If the Maxim invention is as Since the foundation of the governdangerous as he would have us believe, ment the Treasury department has the states will have to take cognizance warrant or by authority of specific apof the new danger and its possibilities propriations. It is now proposed to and to accept from debtors such cer- his fine. ment for good if it results in labeling tified checks. It is argued that this the man who carries a pistol, in a plan would greatly facilitate public peaceable community, as a public business and would save much expense menace and subject to the attention and delay now involved in the transportation and exchange of actual money. This plan is employed by our states and municipali-The platform declarations of the ties, whose officials check against the republicans of Ohio may be accepted revenues deposited with the fiscal agents of the municipalities.

Changes in existing laws will have to be made before the proposed refor the presidency and to that forms can be effected. Custom duties must now be paid in actual gold coin, or its equivalent, and deposited direct well known views and position, with the subtreasuries or the Treasury department at Washington. Treasurers and subtreasurers are under heavy bonds to protect the funds in their charge and any attempted change of methods, without a change in law, might operate to release the subtreasurers from liability. The collectors of customs are also under bonds, making them responsible for in the present administration, owing existing law does not apply to collections of internal revenues and these Treasury department officials may de-

Cumbersome and unwieldy as the existing system may be, an; attempt plete revolution of the subtreasury system and a radical change in the facturers, farmers, producers and wage operation of the Treasury department at Washington. It is doubtful if public sentiment would submit to the sudsince the establishment of the government and in which the people have have to go slow and feel their way.

Colonel Bryan says it is a disgrace

One of the nominees in the South negro, the Ohio platform proposes a turns is entitled to a place on the re- over until the session of 1910.

remedy designed to put brakes on the publican ticket by a majority of two The first four Taft delegates to rep- abuse. It favors a reduction of rep- votes, and the defeated aspirant insists resentation in congress and the election a recount. The law entities him to vention have been chosen and the re- toral college in those states where a recount for cause, but it is worth maining places in the delegation will negroes are disfranchised on account noting that the nomination would not of their color. The adoption of this be in such great demand unless it was The selection of Senator Burkett as plan, urged by Mr. Taft in several of the consensus of opinion that chances one of the delegates for the First dis- his public addresses, would put an end of republican success in the coming trict instead of the candidate who had to conditions which enable a state like city election were more than encour-

> The incorporation of the musicians of Omaha into an association "for mutual protection" may not be a labor union, but it will, in all probability supplant the union sformerly maintained by the musicians. It will be interesting to watch the success of this incorporated body and to see whether any of the other local trades unions will follow suit.

> The only democratic congressman from Nebraska, discussing the tariff on wood pulp, quoted in corroboration from a statement by the business manager of the New York World. How any professed Bryan democrat could draw on the New York World for corroborative evidence passes comprehension.

In the death of George P. Marvin of Beatrice another of the ploneer editors of Nebraska has been called, who in his own way and in his own field exerted a strong influence. The place occupied by Editor Marvin in Nebraska journalism was unique and will not be filled by another.

Mr. Bryan expresses his displeasure at the election of a republican senator ginning to realize the fact that his attempt to dictate to the democratic

If Mr. Bryan learned of a conspiracy who overheard a telephone conversation on the subject," Senator Foraker In the meantime, of course, we will must have got the information that he stricken. He declares that he realizes have to put up with the school build- was a presidential candidate from

> The World-Herald feels like taking off its hat to the Bryan Volunteers of Nebraska,-World-Herald.

That is not exactly what is wanted. The test consists of dropping \$10 in that you have a very dangerous pos- the possibility of locked doors, or the hat which is being passed around

The crowd brought out to witness the arrival in Omaha of the first of the If such a fatal fire as that which has New York to Paris auto cars explains wants congress to control the inven- just occurred near Cleveland should why the circuses have been unable to tion and allow its use only by the mili- happen in Omaha we would demand do away with their street parades. A

By renewal of work in the copper smelters at Butte 20,000 men have resumed employment after several months of idleness. A smoking fac-In the general movement in prog- tory chimney is the surest evidence of returning confidence.

Test of a Prophecy. Boston Transcript.

According to Prophet Schlatter, Secretary Taft will win the presidency. Still, the usual formalities will probably be observed. Universal Agitation.

Baltimore American. Prof. Percival Lowell, the eminent as ronomer, announces they have found water on Mars. Gracious! Have they got a local

Ingratitude. Detroit Free Press. An Ohio man has been sent to jail for stealing a phonograph. This shows the ingratitude of the other flat dwellers. who should have come forward and paid

> Doings in Dogdays, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

By putting off their fusion until August Bryan and Hearst can keep the democratic party quiet until after the Denver convention. After that the party will be helples: and the two radical rippers safe from interference in their joint plans.

Under Individual Ownership. Cincinnati Commercial Tribur

The Omaha World-Herald is badly mistaken in calling it "the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan." The gentleman from Nebraska has wholly reformed the party orporation by freezing out the two old gentlemen who laid its foundations. He is now sole proprietor.

Lid for the Lawless. Detroit Free Press.

The lid which it is most essential should on put down is a lid on murderous anarchy. And if it requires a lid as broad as the territory of the entire United States and as weighty as the condemnation which one in Denver to hold it down, such a lid should be provided.

Happened Years Ago, Too. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An official of the navy says the American fleet at the battle of Santiago made They will make an exploration of the island "the most disgraceful exhibition of gunnery that ever took place on the face of the globe," because the hits averaged only 1% per cent of the shots fired. As this sufficed to destroy all the Spanish ships in the course of a few hours the job looks workmanlike to the ordinary observer. The American people were contented with the result and the Spanish more than satis-

Laws Needed in Kentucky. Louisville Courier Journal.

There's a warm discussion in Washington as to whether cats should be taxed. New gun. Little incidents like this always York newspapers are debating with vigor make New Yorkers more content with their and heat the question of whether a man should wear a freck coat or evening clothes to make a Sabbath evening call. In Iowa there is a movement among spinsters to tax bachelors into a state of bankruptcy or can man-of-war, which will be escorted by matrimony. In Iceland there is a law against kissing. When the general assembly of Kentucky gets through with its nessures to tax dogs, abolish the hook" tobacco buyer, and guard the helpless citizen of Kentucky from the temptation to buy a drink of whisky at a licensed bar, it might be well to take up the cat tax question, to legislate as to the wearing of pass a drastic measure prohibitive of at all, and to make it a misdemeanor or a felcony maid to bill and coo beneath the harvest moon. The consideration of these matters matter of stamping out anarchy could go

ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS.

Comment on Bishop Scannell's Letter to His Diocesan Flock.

Washington Star. Stimulated, perhaps, by the "affinity" alk in which society indulged a short time ago, sober-minded people are beginning to dinner and gives some notice of what took take thought of the question of marriage place. But these synoptic dispatches canas a serious proposition and are trying to see their way to a solution of the problem of mismating. It is a difficult undertaking. The question is so distinctly a personal one humor that fiashes around the tables. Arthat no broad rules can be laid down. The thur Wallace Dunn takes a page in a refollowing dispatch from Omaha explains cent number of Lestie's Weekly to convey the terms of a new rule of the Catholic a suggestion of what happens at one of church, just promulgated, which is to go these functions: Gridiron dinners are not nto effect after Easter, not merely in the banquets; for that matter, the term dindiocess of northern Nebraska, but throughout the world: Bishop Richard Scannell of the Cathelic

Bishop Richard Scanpell of the Catholic locess of northern Nebraska made a forlocess of northern Nebraska made a fornal ruling for his diocase today that all marpiage engagements must be made in writing, witnessed by two persons, before priests will be permitted to perform a marriage ceremony. He declares that engagements have come to be looked upon so ments have come to be looked upon so

process of calling the banns. There are dinner entertainment to a science. many people today who deplore the passing of the ancient custom of the public crying of the names of those who intend to join in matrimony. There was undoubtedly a certain formalism about the proclamation of banns that invested the engagement with solemnity, "Courting" was no lightsome process, no merely frivolous course of calls. It was a serious business. When a young man "walked out" with a girl he was assuming a certain responsibility. When he "set up" with her his responsibility deepened. And courting was sufficiently protracted to enable both the man and the woman to know something about the other's character. It was not a matter of meeting at a dance, with a few calls. bouquets and boxes of candy, a theater party or so and then an engagement ring. followed quickly by a marriage ceremony, and possibly in a few months or years by a divorce. There was significance in the "What God hath joined to-

gether let no man put asunder." Possibly if witnesses must sign the engagement agreement, to be produced before a priest will perform the marriage president, editors and writers of periodicals ceremony, there will be fewer hasty couplings and still fewer divorces. The experiment is worth trying. The real divorce fessional men-altogether a galaxy of promin marriage and that in turn goes back at any other place in the world. And what to the evil of haste in engagements. Per- is more, the Gridiron club is the only orcenter of the trouble.

President's Message in Line with the Sentiment of the People. Philadelphia Record.

The country is fully awake to the importance of the general and systematic improvement of our waterways. The president's message transmitting the report of the Waterways commission, an unofficial organization, will be received with keen interest and hearty approval. It is high time the country ceased to deal with the separated branches of the government, and determined on a plan of action to be persistently and consistently adhered to.

The problem is vast. It can never be completed, for it will unfold as we go along, and much of the work will be expensive. We have 25,000 miles of navigable rivers and as much more that can be made navigable, and we have canals, and along the coast we have channels some of which need improvement and all of which need to be connected in order to make them thoroughly useful.

The task is not simply one of navigation. It includes the use of rivers for irrigation and for the developement of power and their use as sources of water supply must be kept constantly in mind. The railroads have diverted traffic from the rivers by making special rates where their competition was felt. They have acquired canals to prevent their development and general use. Water power companies have dammed streams without providing means of navigation around their obstructions, and cities and towns all over the country have been emptying their sewers in the streams from which other towns must draw their supplies of water. Much has been done for the improvement of navigation by national appropriations, but not

ually awakening to the sanitary aspects of the matter. The time has come for national direction of waterway uses and improvements whefe more than one state is affected. The most valuable regulator of railroad rates is water transportation, and the railways can be left mostly to themselves if the fluid highways are opened and kept open to all who would use them.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Dr. Paul Blumenthal, a judge of Hamburg, Germany, is in Boston for the purpose of studying the probation system. William Rockhill, American minister to China, with Mrs. Rockhill and suite, have salled from Seattle for Peking on the Minnesota.

Lord and Lady Bateman, the latter of whom recently made a brief visit to the United States, have gone from London to the Riviera.

Mrs. Egan, the wife of the American minister to Denmark, presented her two daughters at the first court ball of the year at Copenhagen Saturday night.

Ex-Senator Chandler of New Hampshire who has been in public life for almost public sentiment visits on deeds like the fifty years, has kept a series of diaries covering that entire period and has set down much of the secret political history of the country.

Drs. M. L. Britton and Hollick of the New York Botanical gardens are at Kingston, Jamaica, on a botanical expedition in conjunction with the director of the Kingston public gardens.

Rev. John A. Earl invites babies especially to the Belden Avenue Baptist church Chicago, and has made every provision for their comfort, even to providing nursing bottles and the like to keep them quiet while their mothers are listening to the sermon. The other day a San Francisco bank

depositor asked for his meney, and was chased into the street by the president of the institution, who was armed with a own lot, hard as it may be. W. W. Rockhill, American minister to

China, will visit the viceroy of Nankin and Hankou, China, in April aboard an Amerione or more American warships. The journey involves the navigation of the Yangtee river a distance of some 1,500 miles A member of congress recently acored Washington for not coming to the front When dissolution with England was first suggested and since then some senators have expressed the opinion that his fare-

bachelorhood, making the county a unit, Right Hon. Herbert Henry Asquith slated to succeed Sir Henry Campbellfor a love-sick swain and a moon-sick Bannerman as premier of Great Britain, is one of the very few members of the present cabinet who are not Scotch, but he is might fill in time until March 18, and the a Yorkshireman and represents a Scotch constituency, and his better half is Scotch, being the daughter of Sir Charley Tennant

THE PAMOUS GRIDIRON CLUB.

Unique Social Organization of Washington Newspaper Correspondents. About three times a year a telegraphic dispatch in the Sunday newspaper tells that the Gridiron club has had another not convey any adequate notion of the "atmosphere" of the dinner-of its guests, of the settings, of the quick wit and ready ner is a misnomer, and the more proper designation would be to call it an entertalnment where the dinner is a side issue. though nonetheless pleasing, because a man gets the best of food and drink while enjoying the sparkling wit and humor of the Gridiron club. The dinner is served, but it is made a secondary consideration to the feast of good things which brilliant This is a return, in a manner, to the old men can provide, men who have reduced

> It is the aim and intention of the Gridfron club to have fun with the men of atfairs who think that they exude statesmanship and business acumen whenever they speak or appear in public. No man is too weighty in the state or in business to escape the shafts of gridiron wit. And what may seem remarkable the victims come again and again to enjoy the gridiron dinners. That is because there is no venom in the wit, no vitriol in the satire, no intentional hurt in anything said or

The latest annual dinner is a fair flius tration of what a gridtron dinner means. Its guests comprised the president of the United States, several members of his cabinet, the vice president, the speaker of the house of representatives, senators, representatives, ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries, army and navy officers. a bishop of the Episcopal church, William J. Bryan, Judge George Gray, Judson Harmon and other men prominently mentioner in connection with the nomination for and prominent papers, business men of substance and world-wide reputation, proproblem goes back to the question of haste linent people that could not be assembled haps the Omaha bishop has touched the ganization that could bring together any such assemblage. The club not only brings such a distinguished body of men to its tables, but it entertains them for four hours. The entertainment begins before the guests are seated and continues between courses until the midnight hour.

There are good songs at the Gridiron club What makes them especially taking is that they are adapted to the occasion. Usually they are directed at a guest who is called upon to speak, and generally some very pertinent queries are made to fit a popular air and addressed to the prominent man. At the latest dinner, Secretary Root, problem piecemeal and through several Judge Gray, President Roosevelt, and Mr. Bryan were introduced in this way. The Roosevelt song was about Roosevelt's 'emile, smile, smile." Mr. Bryan, who was certainly put on the gridiron, was pointedly asked what he would do if he were defeated three times and would be make it "four," giving the Nebraskan a text for ten min utes of exquisite humor.

Gridiron speeches are not serious by de sign. It is not the intention of the club to have serious matters injected into its en tertainment, although it always pays a tri bute to its members who have passed to the beyond during the year. This feature occupies only a few minutes, when the room is darkened, the pictures of the late members are thrown upon a screen, a few words are spoken and the pictures fade away, the lights blaze forth with a burst of song, and the merriment is resumed. The tempation of orators to make serious speeches is often too great to resist. The man afforded the opportunity to talk sometimes cannot resist the impulse to "drive home great truths." In former years such a man met with severe gibes and pointed interruptions. That was all right for an interruptions. That was all right for an average senator or member of the house. It's always been the same old cry; we hear but it is not considered appropriate thus to interrupt presidents, vice-presidents, and ambassadors. Fortunately for the club, only a few serious speeches are made, and it is not often that the seriousness is of extended duration. A gridiron speaker, if the desires to make a hit, will not endeavor to inculcate great truths; he will not menin a systematic way. The states are grad-

tion the power of the press; he will not try to instruct the correspondents in what they should do; he will avoid an expression of his views upon the great questions of the before the crowds around the tables are weary. It requires experience, a high order of talent, or careful coaching to produce just the right kind of gridiron erator.

The club which gives these unique din ners was organized twenty-three years ago and is composed of forty newspaper correspondents, representing the onding newspapers of the country. A number of its members have retired from active newspaper work, some of them are now holding important positions under the federal government, There are, in addition, a limited list of men who are especially equipped to help the newspaper men in their entertainments. But the dinners depend on the work of the members, who know and write about public men and events. These are the men who have made the Gridiron club unique. At the same time, the club has stood for the best there is in Washington journalism and has raised the standard of the profession in the national capital.

MIRTHFUL MOMENTS.

Son (looking up)—I want to use a word in this letter which is synonymous—" Mother (breaking in)—Don't do it, my boy. Have the letter real dignified and perfectly proper.—Baltimore American.

"Her descendants boast that she came over in the Mayriower."
"Pooh! A little old tub of a sailing vessel that had a hard time to do the trip in two months! Think of the posterity fint is going to boast that their ancestors came over in the Lustania, and in four days!"—Browning's Magazine.

Sporting Customer-A pound of cheese please.
Grocer—Gorgonsola or Cheddar?
Sporting Customer—Oh, I don't care!
Start 'em both across the counter and I'll
take the winner.—Illustrated Bits.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, Tommy, is a man who doesn't worry any about financial stringencies, because he never has any money."

—Somerville Journal.

Critic-Now that your play is to be actually produced, you can surely give me some idea as to the plot and general action. Playwright-It's still too indefinite. You see, the callboy and the man at the stage door haven't told me yet what they want done to it!-Modern Society.

"John, do you love me?"
"Yes."
"How much do you love me?"
"Say \$50 worth, Maria. Money is tight
just new."—Louisville Courier-Journal. "Is she popular?"
"Oh, very."
"What's the secret?"
"Can't afford to outdress anybody."—

Nashville American.

"John, I met a woman today I hadn't seen for five years."
"Did she know you?"
"Yes; she recognised me by my hat."
Then the slience became oppressive.—
Kansas City Journal.

Mrs. Goodkind—So you are an engineer, and can't get a job in this town! Well, why don't you go to some other place?
Tettereden Torne—I can't, madam; you see I'm a stationary engineer.—Woman's Home Companion. The Man-And you really think you have an ideal husband, don't you?
The Matron-I know I have. Why, he treats me as if he were a candidate for office and I was a voter.—Chicago News.

OPINION OF PUNKIN HOLLOW.

S. E. Klser in the Record-Herald. There's always something goin' on to make the cowards quake with dread And set around and talk about the dangers that are on ahead; I'll bet you that when Caesar fell the folks The bet you that when Caesar fell the folks
who kept the stores in Rome
Expected that the mobs would rise to drive
them out of house and home;
But things kept goin right along, the qld
world never swerving a jot,
And in a little while the crowds went back
to workin' and forgot.

84% Nutriment

Beans are Nature's choicest food. Better than meat—cheaper by far

You don't eat enough of them, because beans cooked at home are not cooked rightly. And cooking takes too long. Beans, to be digestible, must be factory cooked. It requires a fierce heat to break down their fibre, and you can't apply it. That's why your beans are heavy. Ours are baked 90 minutes at 245 degrees.

Let us cook for you. We are experts on beans, and we have the facilities

Ours is the accumulated knowledge of 47 years applied to baked beans and tomato sauce. No wonder we know. We bake in live steam. That is why our beans are all baked alike without bursting. They are nutty, yet mealy. And we bake the beans, the tomato sauce and the pork all together, and secure a delicious blend.

Van Camp's pork and beans baked with tomato sauce

Then we get better beans than you get. And we pay seven times what some beans cost to get them.

We use only the whitest, the plumpest, the fullest-grown. Our sauce is made from vine-ripened tomatoes. It costs us just five times what some sauce is sold for. But to that sauce is due Van Camp's superlative zest.

You eat beans once a week now, maybe. You'll eat them daily when you know

You will eat them because of their food value. Because they are appetizing-delicious. What else do you know that compares with them?

You will serve them because they are convenient. A dozen cans in the house means a dozen meals always ready. But be sure to get Van Camp's. Other brands are Lot

10, 15 and 20# per can. Van Camp Packing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.