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For one thing, the packing house investigation has reduced the appetite for beefsteak.

An O'Neill man sold a beef steer on Monday for \$102. A pretty fair price for steers, even the pops must

The Stuart Ledger had a roast for look through the same glasses the Ledger does. The Ledger is given to virtues.

South Dakota holds out a fine object lesson for the machine politician. The wave of revolt against a few men manipulating the party machinery is producing results that will redound to the good of the people.

governments visiting outside their among the nations if practiced more.

Three Nebraska children died the other day, two from eating bottled pickles put up by a canning concern, the other from eating pieplant as nature produced it. Now, if the pickles were "adulterated" what was the matter with the pieplant?

The Nebraska press of all shades of political belief are breathing out voluminous compliment and praise for the Rosewater candidacy that is giving some of the other aspirants a tired feeling. The veteran editor appears to be "solid" with the bulk of the newspaper fraternity.

The Independent thinks it very shocking the bribe and graft and knavery the republican administration is bringing to light, but little midst escaping the pen doesn't worry know of. it. Purification of politics and society, like charity, begins at home.

A special from Washington says President Roosevelt has up his sleeve a plan to land a body blow on the trusts. He would have a law enacted imposing a fine of \$1,000,000 for granting a rebate. Teddy is determined to handle the big corporations before he quits.

A democratic exhange tears off this: "The republican party has brought the country to a shocking state of affairs and there is no end to the scandals and exposures that are constantly being brought to light." And then quotes: "The present is a period of havoc and upheaval. The gale of reform that rages o'er the land lays bare most hideous conditions. A dollarized society, insensible to all but pricking selfishness, makes possible corruptions high and low. Bribe, graft, knavery, exploitation, investigation, disclosure, confusion, shame-in all the avenues of activity the public ferret is at work." We would ask our democratic friend wherein the republican party or republican administration is responsible for the actions of dishonest rascals in high and low society? Is graft and defiance of law indulged in only by men who may have voted for republican candidates? Are there no democrats, no pops, no socialists, no prohibitionists midst the motely throng who hold in defiance the laws of God and men, who race the mad race for gold unmindful of the rights of others? Is not the republican party, the republican administrations, behind and pushing the "exploitation, investigation, disclosure," and laboring with all its might to correct existing evils and spprehend the guilty?

others throughout this district, soon after the enactment of the Kinkaid homestead law, claimed the credit for idea for enlarging homesteads in western Nebraska but who never accomplished anything to that end in congress. Unmindful of their claim that the enlarged homestead was a populist idea, these papers are now condemning themselves out of their own mouths by denouncing the Kinkaid law. No doubt if a pop had been instrumental in securing the law they would have considered it the greatest piece of legislation ever enacted. Sure enough-consistency, thou art a jewel!

The esteemed Chambers Bugle is highly insulted. It takes what The Frontier said on the subject of "petty prejudices" to heart very greviously. Its wrath must have partaken of the velosity and fury of the cyclone that passed through there about the time the Bugle went to press. It calls us a Gilligan last week because he doesn't liar. The rules of chivalry might demand that the Bugle take it back or confront us with a forty-five, but a pencil is about all the Bugle can stand. It is not The Frontier's intention to "lie" about any person or thing. We desire to be perfectly fair with everybody. What was taken as reliable information came to The Frontier to the effect that Chambers business men, with a few exceptions, King Edward may pay a visit to prohibited the posting of the bills, America. The custom of heads of with the observation that it was an "O'Neill graft." This, of course, they own realms would go a long ways had a perfect right to do; and, as we toward establishing better feelings said before, it is nothing to O'Neill one way or another whether the bills were posted or not, but we did object to having it called an "O'Neill graft." The Frontier does not want to misrepresent in any particular, but like all newspapers is liable to be misinformed, and nobody is more anxious to rectify mistakes. The Bugle might have shown wherein we were mistaken without imputing sinister motives. A spirit of liberality has always characterized the people of Chambers and they are just as good citizens as can be found anywhere. That they are not "guilty" as charged by our informant we are glad to learn and of one community regarding every enterprise or movement of some other neighboring community as a "graft" is decidedly small and narrow, but Chambers has always been as free things like bank wreckers in our own from this spirit as any place we

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT.

The Fremont Tribune ventures the supposition that "the old topers have doubtless been sitting up and taking notice of the free alcohol bill. But when they learn it simply means that alcohol has been dehorned they will feel their spirits drooping."

"Mayor Mott of Oakland," says a to secure an effectual law with which | California paper, "thinks the damage done in that city by the earthquake would have been a world sensation at any other time, had it not been overland's damage at \$1,500,000. About the quake."

The Norfolk Press notes that the public is getting a good deal of information out of the inquiry being made by the interstate commerce commission into the relations between the coal mines and the coal-carrying railroads. "It may be possible," says the Press, "by the time the inquiry ends, for the consumer to know how much of the price he pays goes for coal and how much for graft, for it must be borne in mind that the graft finally comes out of the pocket of the con-

The Lawrence Locomotive relates that Mrs. Newcomb, a Deweese woman, wrote to Mrs. Roosevelt a short time ago asking her to kindly contribute a handkerchief for a church bazaar to be held at that place. Mrs. Newcomb explained to the president's wife that her home and little church was located on the historic Blue; that the old Mormon trail crossed their farm and that a quarter of a mile betained years ago by Uncle Sam for the Pony Express company, etc. The wo- on the junior senator from Teaxs. The man also told the cheif executive's president was warned and Senator wife that they had been and were still Dolliver was warned. A member of God bless him, is making it very difficult for us to know where we are at." letter in answer.

The White House, Washington,

both her and me so much that I write slight suspicion existed. just a line myself.

this district who had some sort of an little church. What an interesting to lead such lives, and, my dear Mrs. Newcomb, it is of mighty small importance whether we are republicans or portance that we should be good Amand decent fashion. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

"The democratic press bureau has divorced Berge for governor and married itself to an affinity in the person of Dr. Hall of Lincoln," says the Columbus Journal. "Is it not strange that these friends of the 'dear common people' can find their polititical affinities only in canidates with fat bank accounts? But then, it takes money to run press bureaus, and incidentally Hall pleases the railroads as well as did Silas of old when the railroads elected him on an anti-railroad plat-

STORY OF A GOLD BRICK.

Democratic Senators Try to Entrap President On Rate Bill.

F. J. Stillman in Sioux City Journal: When all the facts in connection with democratic senators for an effective railroad rate bill have filtered out into the light of day one thing will be quite certain, and that is that public confidence in President Roosevelt as a politician, as well as a statesman and fearless leader, will be immensely in-

It was to be expected that Senators Bailey and Rayner would yell 'surrender" and undertake to establish the fact that the president had given up at a time when he might nave won. They, of course, declared that the solid democratic support was ready to be turned loose the moment the republicans led by Senator Allison, Dolliver, Clapp, Long and others were ready to deliver the necessary votes.

It sounds grand, this talk of the twenty-four democrats and the twenty two republicans marching forth and casting forty-six votes and routing the Aldrich-Crane, Spooner-Knox forces. But the trouble was that the twentyfour democratic senators were not there and they never would have been there had the president waited until the crack of doom.

In the begining, Senators Tillman and Bailey assured the president, through Mr. Chandler, that twentyfour democratic votes would be ready when an agreement had been reached upon the basis of action; when the hasten to say so. The principle various proposed amendments had been approved. After a week or so it occured to the president to make a little private inquiry as to what Senators Tillman and Bailey could deliver. He had a secret conference with a democratic senator who heartily favored the house bill and the latter undertook the task of sleuthing. After me days he reported to the president that Senators Tillman and Baily were apparently acting by themselves and assumed to be able to do this and that, but that in fact they did not know what they could do. It was discovered that practically none of the democrats had been consulted as to what they would do or want to do. Of course it was generally known among the minority members that negotiations between Senators Bailey and Tillman and the president were being carried on, but democrats complained that they could get no idea of the sitshadowed by the terrible disaster uation. Senator Bailey and Tillman across the bay. He estimates Oak- seemed strangely secretive and indisposed to unloosen. At the same time 50,000 chimneys were thrown down by that the president assumed the democrats were in full conference with Senater Tillman and Bailey the great majority of the democratic senators was doing and where they were "at."

It is scarcely to be wondered at that the president, who felt the great responsibility of giving to the people a good rate law, was disinclined to place dependence upon such a slender and weak cord as the claims of Senators Tillman and Bailey, after he had discovered the way in which they were dealing with their people.

Another thing: Senator Bailey has made an attractive disclaimer of any disposition to deal with those unfriendly to effective rate legislation, or to be a party to any scheme or amendment that would in any manner injure the bill. He has also been given a clean bill of health by Senator Tillman. Notwithstanding this, and without making any general or specific charge of lack of sincerity against Senator Bailey, it can be said in truth that from several quarters there came low was Liberty farm (ranch), main- suggestions and hints that it would be advisable to keep a very close watch democrats, but that "our president, the Iowa delegation in the house, in conversation with a democratic senator, was given to understand that the Mrs. Newcomb received the following minority, as a whole, was disposed to entertain some fears of Senator Bailey. The statement of Mr. Chandler,

The local pop organ, together with May 4.—My dear Mrs. Newcomb: Your while making no charge against Senaletter to Mrs. Roosevelt interested tor Bailey, is indicative that some

It comes straight from one of the I am sending you a photograph and parties that upon one occasion Senata former populist congressman from I wish you all success in building the ors Tillman and Bailey asked Senators Bacon and Overman who they were life you have had, and how fortunate discussing rate matters with. The we Americans are to have the chance latter replied that they had had some conference with Senators Dolliver, Allison, Clapp and Long. It is declared that Senators Tillman and Bailey, democrats, but it is of very real im- in a depreciating way, pooh-hoohed the idea of dealing with Senator Dolericans and do our duty in straight liver, Allison and the crowd. Of course inferences may be drawn as to who Senators Bailey and Tillman may have had in mind as the proper persons to deal with. It is certain they did not refer to the president at that time. It is also recalled that the intimation has been heard that Senator Aldrich had some conference with Senator Baily.

From all the facts obtainable it appears that Senators Tillman and Bailey offered, through Mr. Chandler, a beautiful brick which appeared to be gold. For that matter Senators Bailey and Tillman may have sincerely believed it to be gold. The president admitted it looked good, but he took the precaution to have it plugged. When an examination of the inside of the brick had been made it was found not to be gold. The president thereupon sent the brick back to Senator Tillman and Bailey. Of course they roasting rather than the extolling of few dashes of cold led from the end of the negotiations for the support of yelled murder and surrender because they were disappointed. They did not want the brick back again.

Senator Bailey has a calm and ministerial style of delivery which impresses one not only with the great ability of the man, but with his sincerity and good faith, and this is not saying that he is not sincere. But Senator Bailey is a democrat of the peepest dye. He never fails to play politics when it will count. Without saying that Senators Bailey and Tillman deliberately set about getting the president into a trap, it can be said that the president would undoubtedly have fallen into a serious error had he gone ahead and depended upon Senators Tillman and Bailey to deliver him twenty-four democratic votes, and it does not require a great stretch of imagination to reach the conclusion that as a result of the failure that would have followed such an attempt Senator Baily would have taken occasion to play the political end of the game for all there was in it.

As the matter now stands the democrats appear in the light of having had a magnificent opportunity to make a political play and failed miserably because of dissensions within the party. Incidentally the people get a first class law.

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