## Commoner Comment.

comes more and more frank in its to run upon without stultification." statements relating to the purposes of The Eagle further ventures the statethe Clevelandites. In its issue of March | ment that "Mr. Hill is fond of mys-2 the Eagle describes at some length tery and he makes the most of it in his the program adopted by these reorganizers. The Eagle says:

"Those democrats who oppose Bryan and who advocate the reconstruction of democracy with Bryanism expunged, are about to carry that issue into the bance his power in the democratic south and west. One of the principal party and make him a formidable canbattlegrounds will be the state of Nebraska, where Mr. Bryan still retains, nominally, at least, the control of the machinery of his party.

"It is proposed to crush Mr. Bryan's influence in his own state and to prevent at all costs his control of the Nebraska delegation to the next democratic national convention."

The Eagle explains that 'this plan is not only essential, but feasible." In crats may understand the organized effort to drive them out of the organization and to make the democratic party so much like the republican party ganizers. The Eagle explains:

east to be used as the nucleus of the Bryan's position. general reorganization movement It is strange that these men who planned for next year. Mr. Cleveland are generally given credit for being gave countenance to the project in shrawd politicians fail to recognize the June, 1902, by appearing on the same fact that Mr. Bryan is but one of the platform with Mr. Hill at the Tilden humble spokesmen of men who are club in this city. Mr. Gorman met sincerely committed to the principles Mr. Hill at Saratoga in September and set forth in the Kansas City platform. Mr. Olney met him in New York in If these politicians had only Mr. January, both acquiescing in his plans. Bryan to contend with it would not be New England, New York, New Jersey difficult for them to accomplish their and Maryland, having together ninety- purpose. But they either do not know three votes in the electoral college, were or they overlook the fact that there thus in alliance against Bryan at the are hundreds of thousands of democrats moment he arrived in New York with in this country who are just as dehis defiance of the Hill-Cleveland fac- voted to the principles of the Kansas tion. In all of the combinations by City platform as Mr. Bryan could poswhich democratic victories have been sibly be; and even though these men figured in the past, Maryland has been could completely destroy the individual allotted safe, and New York, New Jer- against whom they are pleased to disey and Connecticut fighting ground. Next in importance is Indiana. That state has been promised to Hill by ex- Kansas City platform democrats and Mayor Taggart of Indianapolis

Powerful as this combination undoubtedly is, it lacks much of control stroy the principles of the party. in the democratic national convention. Texas leading. To make this substanpresidential nomination to the south. nee for president will be chosen from war.

New York. "Mr. Hill and his associates are convinced that the south will in the end respond favorably to appeals made be lost. In the language of one of the through its financial and business institutions. They concede that Mr. Bryan is strong with the rank and file of the southern voters, but they believe that the most influential of the southern leaders are against him. The candidacy of Chief Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, which has been adroitly pressed in several of the southern states, has done much, it is claimed, to weaken the sentimental hold which for debate. Bryan had upon that section in 1896

and 1900." In the same article, the Eagle says that a desperate effort is to be made to carry Illinois for the reorganizers. while a vigorous fight is also to be made on Tom Johnson in Ohio. "The reorganizers believe," says the Eagle, "that they can make a clean sweep of the states of the middle west if they are able to first demonstrate that an effective anti-Bryan alliance exists between the east and the south." The Eagle says that Mr. Hill has been in correspondence with a number of "democrats" in Nebraska and that he has determined upon a serious effort to prevent the Kansas City platform democrats in that state from obtaining representation in the national conven-

Referring to Mr. Bryan, the Eagle him out without more ado." And then outlining the platform of 1904, if these reorganizers secure control of the national convention, the Eagle says: "With the disapearance of Bryan, the and to the commercial and financial in- he well taken care of.

terests of the country." The Eagle explains: "It goes without saying that the platform of 1904 adopted under these altered circumstances will uphold sound money, deal sit in democratic conventions. Neither respectfully with the courts and exclude socialism. Whatever declara- platforms and candidates to say what tions it may contain with respect to the tariff, the Philippines and the internal policy of the country will undoubtedly

Attorney General Knox now has a fund of \$500,000 with which not to collected by outrageous and unjust prosecute the trusts any more than is taxation there would be no need of necessary for campaign purposes.

Under what theory of republican government is it proper to tax the peo- tunity to borrow at heavy interest. ple in order to raise money to lend back to the people through favored

tively asks the New York Tribune. is that it lends encouragement to the The Tribune doubtless thinks Cuba hope that some time republican polishould do all we ask without asking cies may be lifted up above a mere conanything in return.

The legislature of Nebraska has refused to pass a bill providing for equal taxation, the bill being bitterly opposed | people should set about amending the by the railroad corporations. The man rules of the trust game of "cinch," who cannot guess the political complexion of the Nebraska legislature with his eyes shut doubtless would idly that we may confidently expect swim a river to get at his bath-tub.

A St. Louis federal judge has en- made a legal holiday. foined a lot of railroad employes from striking for better wages. The employes might find a federal judge willing to enjoin railroad managers from republican ticke twill not have a great refusing to pay a fair rate of wage. deal to say as to who shall or shall We say "might" because we entertain not have seats in the democratic nagrave and serious doubts about it.

PLAN OF THE REORGANIZERS. | be sufficiently statesmanlike for can-The Brooklyn Eagle, one of the rec- didates like Chief Judge Parker, Mr. ognized organs of the reorganizers, be- Cleveland, Mr. Olney or Mr. Gorman

dealings with the south. He hopes to secure the greatest possible secrecy with respect to his campaign against Bryan in the south and west. The success of his plan will greatly endidate if he decides to enter the lists. That detail cannot be settled, however, until Bryan is no longer a factor in the party, for with Bryan in the saddle even as the head of a small minority faction, the nomination of Hill or any other democrat of his type would be likely to disrupt the democracy."

It will not be difficult for democrats to understand what the purpose of these reorganizers is with respect to order that Kansas City platform demo- the democratic platform when they are told that that platform will be so arranged that it will be satisfactory to men like Grover Cleveland. These reorganizers, however, make the mistake that the difference will be in name of thinking that Mr. Bryan is the isonly, it will be interesting to read sue. Even though Mr. Bryan could be what the Eagle has to say concerning driven from the democratic party, the work now under way by the reor- even though Mr. Bryan were dead. these reorganizers would vet have to "Mr. Hill's is the executive mind in contend with democrats who believed the scheme of reorganization. For in democratic principles as reflected more than a year that skillful politi- in the Kansas City platform long becian has been building up an anti- fore Mr. Bryan was ever heard of and Bryan, conservative, sound money ma- who would be found fighting in defense chine in the democratic party of the of those principles regardless of Mr.

rect their shafts, they would yet be required to face the great army of engage in a desperate struggle with those democrats before they could de-

The Commoner has quoted at length It is Mr. Hill's hope, if not his expec- from the Brooklyn Eagle merely for tation, that most of the delegates from the purpose of impressing upon Kansas the south will desert Bryan's cause. City platform democrats the imporfor a southern alli- tance of immediate and thorough orance Mr. Hill has been in communica- ganization. These reorganizers need tion with prominent gold democrats not flatter themselves that they are of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, to have a monopoly on the fighting. Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi. Mis- The challenge they have thrown down souri and Texas. The results are defi- has been accepted by Kansas City platnitely known to nobody but Mr. Hill. form democrats. The issue is well de-It is asserted, however, on authority fined by the Brooklyn Eagle when it tions to government officials. It is close to Mr. Hill, that every one of says that if the reorganizers win, the the states named has been pledged to platform will be framed to suit Grover support his policy of reorganization. Cleveland; and it will be the duty of every democrat who remembers the tial inroad into the solid south it has disaster which Grover Cleveland's secbeen necessary to concede the vice ond administration brought upon the party to buckle on the armor and enassuming, to begin with, that the nomi- list for the fight until the end of the

> Kansas City, platform democrats should organize in every precinct in the United States. There is no time to greatest of Americans, "The war is inevitable and let it come. I repeat, sir, let it come."

The Commoner desires to encourage the formation of democratic clubs in every precinct and to aid these clubs in their work a form for constitution will be sent upon application and The Commoner will publish from time to time suggestions in regard to subjects DO NOT DELAY! ORGANIZE NOW!

The secretary of every club is requested to report the organization to The Commoner, notice of which will be given for the information of other communities.

When special interests want some particular legislation they ask for it and then keep bringing pressure to bear until they get it. When the people want some particular legislation they ask for it and then smile and vote to re-elect the men who refuse their petitions. This is whoy special interests are always well taken care of by

Mr. Roosevelt will have difficulty in demonstrating that educated and worthy negroes live only in the south. If he is determined to reward fitness, says that "he will not be permitted to let him apply the test indiscriminately remain in the democracy as a focus north and scuth. The appointment of for future dissensions. The brightest a few negro postmasters in northern men of the party have decided to get states will do more than epistolary exercise to prove his sincerity.

Senator Aldrich's monetary bill provides that the government shall loan money to the banks at 11/2 per cent in question of reaffirmation of the na- order that the banks may have money tional platforms of 1896 and 1900 will to lean to the people at 8, 10, 12 or liso disappear and the democracy will even greater per cent. The mere fact be free to proceed with reconstruction that Senator Aldrich introduced the on lines acceptable to eastern leaders bill is evidence that the banks are to

It is not for men who betrayed the democratic party into the hands of its enemies to say who shall or shall not is it for men who bolted the democratic future platforms shall contain or who shall be nominated as candidates there-

If an uncalled-for surplus were not lending government money to favored banks on chips and whetstones for the purpose of giving the people an oppor-

The telegraph informs us that the island of Guam has been raised six inches by an earthquake shock. The "What shall Cuba do for us?" plain- interesting feature of this bit of news templation of financial gain.

> While the Oklahoma legislature is amending the rules of "seven-up" the

> The holiday habit is growing so rapthose who still believe that the foreigner pays the tax to ask that April 1 be

Those democrats who have spent the last eight or ten years voting the tional convention of 1904.

## THE TRUE POSITION

FIGURES DISPROVE CLAIMS MADE BY REPUBLICANS.

Facts Show Just How Much Truth There is in the Boasts of Politicians About the Great "Balance of Trade" in Our Favor.

Statistics of the Brooklyn bridge show that an average of about 20,000 more people cross into New York each day than cross back to Brooklyn. These statistics indicate that Brooklyn is losing and New York gaining in population at the rate of 7,000,000,000 a year. Sensible men know that there is no such daily balance of population in favor of or against New York-according to whichever political theory you accept. Somehow and in some way, about as many people return to Brooklyn daily

as leave it. Similarly, Republicans are prating about the great "balance of trade" in our favor, amounting to from \$400,-000,000 to \$600,000,000 a year for six years, and are attempting to make the people believe that it is a good thing to be coming out of the country each year, this much more than is being brought in. Sensible men shake their heads and refuse to swallow these figures. The trade and commercial papers, like the Iron Age and the New York Commercial, are now discussing the "Invisible Balance of Trade," which punctures both the

facts and theories of the politicians. The following table is from the Iron Age of Feb. 26: Invisible (Adverse) Balance of Trade.

Expatriation Rent Balance 25,000,000 Money sent by resident for-10,000,000

Interest balance ..... Ocean freight balance

\$295,000,000 As the Iron Age says, this table shows that the invisible balance of much less than \$300,000,000 to enable

a debtor nation." have been omitted by the Iron Age. \$50,000,000. We export manufactured which have been multiplying and put 000 a year. As these goods are sold to to do so by the Dingley bill, are reper cent below domestic prices, the change. How we do love the trusts. manufacturers quote fictitious valuasafe to say that our exports of manufactures are overvalued 10 or 15 per cent, or an average of \$50,000,000 a year. Adding these two amounts to our nearly invisible and adverse balance, we have wiped out nearly all of the invisible balance in our favor even during the last six years. Undoubtedly the return of securities during these years has wiped out any remaining balance. This reaches the sensible conclusion that we have not outstanding accounts with foreign countries amounting to \$2,000,000,000 or \$3,000,000,000, but that in some way each year's apparent balance is about squared. While we may be slowly paying our foreign debts, yet it takes more than \$100,000,000 a year to pay interest and rents to foreigners. Thus, if the invisible balance of trade is not \$100,000,000 in our favor we are losing ground and getting deeper in debt. BYRON W. HOLT.

THE POLICY OF SUPPRESSION.

Lodge's Committee a Graveyard for Facts About Philippine Cruelties. Among the names signed to the series of petitions calling for an investigation into conditions in the Philippines, presented to the Senate during the last month by Senator Hoar, are the names of fifty-seven presidents of colleges and four hundred professors. An examination of this list of professors shows the following representation from forty-two different educational institutions: Stanford University, Cai.......47

Amherst College, Mass.................29 Harvard University, Mass......26 Columbia University, N. Y.......22 Normwestern University, Ill.....19 University of Pennsylvania..... 9 Oberlin College, Ohio..... 8 University of California..... 7

Western Reserve University, Ohio. 5 Johnstown Democrat. Brown University, R. I..... 4 University of New York ..... 4 Lehigh University, Pa..... 3

Albany Medical College, N. Y.... Ethical School, N. Y...... 2 Institute of Technology, Mass..... 1 Bates College, Me..... 1

It need only be added that these pe-

titions have been insolently disregrace to civilization. Every Democratic member of the Philippines com-

investigation. He has bluntly told mittee expressed the utmost anxiety to undertake the inquiry so earnestly desired by the men of light and learnlican confreres turned a deaf car. They after the trusts.-Houston Post.

declined to open the case. They sneered openly at the men of heart and conscience who demanded that if cruelty and injustice are prevailing in RECENT CONGRESS RECKLESS IN the Philippines the fact shall be laid bare before the American people. And so the Fifty-seventh Congress dies with this ineffaceable blot upon its

record. In view of the above facts from the Johnstown Democrat, the public of

Chicago says: "Senator Lodge's Philippine committee has a justly earned reputation as a graveyard for all the disagreeable facts regarding American cruelties in the Philippines that find their way out of Manila. To seek information about these cruelties is to have it referred to Mr. Lodge's convenient committee, and to have it referred to that committee is to see it buried."

Changing Fashions. Judging by the declining price of wool and the rapidly rising prices of field was a million dollars a day. cotton, shoddy and old rags, the fash-

of their scarcity? No, there is at per pound and why are the shoddy policy will be adopted. dealers "talking very bullish" as the

Wool and Cotton Reporter says? It might be well for the Republican prosperity tooters to try to anrade must run along annually at not | try to explain this strange change in |



Judge Grosscup's Decision Unsatisfactory to Attorney General Knox.

Congress and the Trusts. When Congress is engaged in passing a real, genuine anti-trust bill the that Cuban reciprocity should be prices of stocks in Wall street will passed. Republican state platforms not continue to rise as they did during the passage of the Elkins and Nelson "anti-trust laws, last January and February. Had Congress then been engaged in putting the products of trusts on the free list, Wall street | Having won the election on that promwould have been flooded with the wat- ise what has been the performance? er that would have been squeezed out | When the treaty was sent to the Senof these trusts. The sleek managers ate it was kept sedulously in the rear of these trusts know, full well, that until the statehood farce presented a the major portion of their profits shallow excuse for letting it expire. would vanish, if the tariff were re- There have been more glaring individmoved. They would then be compelled to sell goods at home at the paign pledges, but there have been Washington University, Mo.....14 choose between the people and the 

Who Pays Tariff Taxes? Ohio State University...... 5 that the rebate should go to the for-Wesleyan University. Conn...... 6 eign producer and not to the trust .-

The only real benefit the people Haverford College, Pa..... 3 have received at the hands of the late | the far East. William's College. Mass...... 3 congress is the repeal of the duty on Dartmouth College, N. H..... 2 coal, and that was forced on the un-Vanderbilt University, Tenn..... 2 willing Republicans by such a popu-Central University, Ia...... 2 nied, and which was voiced in the Franklin & Marshall College, Pa... 1 who for twenty-four years has been empire. Wooster University, Ohio...... 1 one of the tribunes of the people in Albany Medical College, N. Y.... 1 that body.

The Convention Will Decide. When the time comes for the Democrats to assemble in national convenman is commissioned to say what will those who were demanding it that no be done, although every man may say further light was to be shed upon a what he thinks ought to be done at situation which seems to be a dis that convention.-St. Paul Globe.

They Never Fazed Philander.

## WASTE PUBLIC MONEY

ITS EXPENDITURES.

More Than \$1,500,000,000 Appropriated During the Session Just Closed-Danger in the Accumulation of a Gigantic "Surplus."

The Congress which has just adjourned appropriated over \$1,500,000,-300 from the national treasury for the support of the government for two years. This is twice the amount expended by the government ten years

It is a vast increase over the governnent expenses during the Spanish war. It is more than four times as much as was expended during the civil war, that is designed to help workingmen. her to extinction and she be ingeniwhen the cost of the armies in the

When Speaker Reed was reproached ions are rapidly changing from warm with the fact that the Congress in substantial woolens, to cotton and to which he was "czar" was "a billion prive laboring men of every right by the telephone rings and the young mixed cotton and shoddy goods. This dollar Congress" he replied that "this which the constitution has conferred woman is summoned, and comes back is one of the queer freaks of our frivis a billion dollar country." It might olous and fickle people and shows that now be described as a country of bilwe are of those who, "can't stand pros- lion-dollar trusts.

This rate of public expenditure can Why should people during these not go on forever. Under the appartimes of piping prosperity about which ently illimitable prosperity of the counwe read so much in Republican news- try there lurks always the danger of papers, suddently decide to substitute panic, disaster and bankruptcy. If cheap and shoddy clothes for good this condition shall be precipitated it woolens? Have the doctors been talk- will be caused mainly by the fact that ing disparagely of wool and in favor the money of the people is being withof shoddy? Certainly not. Is the drawn from the uses of legitimate price of wool declining because of a | business by the enormous accumulagreat supply. No, the present general tions of hundreds of millions of dollars tion never saw such a scarcity of wool. 'as "surplus" in the national treasury.

Are cotton and shoddy so high because If the powers that be are wise they will take in sail before the storm least a normal supply of both. Why comes, but there do not appear to be then, is cotton selling at 10 cents any signs at present that this prudent plaining. Legislative blackmail is young woman who has insulted him

Butler's Rights Calmly Ignored. The calm and deliberate manner in which the House of Representatives swer some of these questions and to last "chawed up" Mr. Butler of Missouri, who has been sitting as a memfashions. And, then, again, it might ber during this session of Congress, this country to discharge its foreign be best for them not to discuss these will serve as a caution to reckless liabilities." The return, last year, of questions. They might have to re- Democrats elected by a narrow ma-\$100,000,000 of American securities vise their opinions about prosperity jority of 7,000 who seek to break into held abroad wiped out all of the re- and conclude with the Wool and Cot- the Republican house of representation the federal government. It leads to maining visible balance of trade in ton Reporter, that "the average per- tives with only a certificate of elec-1902, says the Iron Age, which con- son is feeling rather poor by reason tion as their credentials. How grand cludes that "the United States is still of his having to pay a great deal more and strenuous is the grand old party! unnecessary buildings and the cultifor everything he buys than he has How irresistible is its power when it vation of the false idea that the great At least two very important factors paid for a great many years," and that, gets its grappling irons on a de-"the average person to-day, is under feated brother and drags him from Our imports of dutiable goods amount the sternest necessity to economize." under the avalanche of Democratic mere provincial establishments. to \$500,000,000 a year. These are un- Necessity, then, is responsible for votes and lands him safely on the dervalued to about 10 per cent, or this change in fashions. The trusts, floor of the house! And how helpless goods valued at more than \$400,000. | ting up prices since they were licensed only his certificate of election from the governor of his state, based upon a foreigners at an average of about 20 sponsible for this necessity and this majority of 6,400, when the Republican house wants his seat for a Republican brother on the outside!

> Influences That Debauch. Fully 90 per cent of all that is disnonest, all that is corrupt and all that is menacing to free institutions in municipal and state government can be traced directly to the influence of these quasi-public corporations upon local politics. They not only debauch city and state governments, but it is their consistent policy to maintain these governments in a state of prostitution-their influence is cast habitually against all decency and efficiency and integrity in public affairs. The sentiment in favor of municipal ownership is grounded almost wholly in the belief that the people have no other means of protecting themselves against the rapacity and criminal greed of quasi-public corporations. They are not flying to municipal ownership, but are being driven to it as

> a last desperate measure. Campaign Pledges Repudiated. Senators and representatives indorsed the pledge of the President declared in favor of it. Next to the promises of anti-trust legislation there was no pledge more general or universal than the one that Cuban reciprocity should be enacted this winter. ual cases of the repudiation of cam

The Devouring Steel Trust. The steel trust continues to show

signs of a deliberate and comprehen-concerns in the same line of business less to say, its purchases will have transform it into a remorseless mon The telegram read "Nashville" and to be made at very high prices, and There is a superstition to the effect its policy will lead bold and ambitious John Hopkins University, Md..... 7 that the foreign producer pays the immen to establish new iron and steel tion argument. But if it be true, why to the big trust at a fat profit. If Pratt Institute, N: Y ........... 6 the foreign producer of tinplate pays there will be grave trouble ahead for 

Phipps and American Labor. Henry Phipps, who rolled up a fortune in connection with the starvation pany, is playing Prince Magnifico in

While poverty stalks the regions where his corporation subdued a strike with guns he has given the gov-Bryn Mawr College, Pa...... 2 | lar uprising that it could not be de- ernor general of India a large fraction of a million dollars to be used in Swarthmore College, Pa...... 1 United States senate by Senator Vest, developing that portion of the British

ous violation of the proverb that charity should begin at home.

Phipps was shrewd enough to collect his interest, however, in advance. Special attentions to Phipps as a tion they will select a candidate for guest at the governor general's recent garded by the administration. Sena- the Presidency and will formulate a durbar secured the donation of a fortor Lodge has flatly refused to open an platform of principles. Meantime no tune got out of the sweat and starvation of American labor.

Rotten Boroughs in the Senate. Speaking of rotten borough representation in Congress, what's the matter with Delaware? With a measly Mrs. Philander Knox is said to be 185,000 inhabitants so corrupt that suffering a collapse as a result of the even "Gas" Addicks owns and uses of increasing the wages of the miners severe strain of social life in Wash- them like cattle, it sends to Washing- needn't necessarily be entirely borne ing, whose rames were signed to the ington. She must go after society a ton two Senators to do his bidding. by the consumers, but that the mine petitions. But Lodge and his Repub great deal harder than Philander goes Addicks great strength, outside of owners might shoulder their share of his money, was the knowledge that his it.

opponents had too much "principle" to admit of the coalition of minority OVER THE TELEPHONE Republicans and Democrats to effect a decent election. New Mexico has a MANY AND VARIED ARE THE MESlarger population than Delaware, and it certainly would never fall under more ignominous bossism than Dela- it Rescues Girls from Undesirable ware now tolerates. Delaware ought to be annexed to Pennsylvania. Quay and Addicks would be a team for

What the Combines Have Done. Among the labor measures that a Republican majority has shelved in the Senate are the anti-injunction bills, the eight-hour bill, the railroad appliance measure and the immigration bill. It is very well known who are the opponents of these salutary measures. They are great combines, the shipping, steel and other trusts, who are deadly foes of any measure They fear most the passage of the anti-injunction measure, which would as legal documents say, her next curb the power of federal judges to friend, a look of entreaty, and directly issue sweeping injunctions that de be disappears, and almost immediate

nnon them

Both Houses to Blame. The Senate rules certainly need modification, but the House goes as far in one direction as the Senate does ly and adds a blessing for the telein the other. The House refuses to phone itself, such is the intensity of deliberate, and this forces on the Sen. her gratitude. ate the duty of giving proper consideration to bills which pass the House self-respect of young men who have inconsiderately. The House does quarreled with their sweethearts. To worse than this by continually passing go back to pay a visit, after he has bills, or parts of bills, for buncombe flung himself out of a house declaring with the confident expectaton that the he will never darken its doors again, Senate will kill them. The truth is would not be consistent with any masthat the members of both houses are culine's dignity, but it cannot be conlargely responsible for the conditions sidered as a confession that he was in of which they are continually com- error in his premises if he call up the

The D. igers of a Surplus. The derangement of the currency system and extravagance in public ad ministration that amounts to almost robbery are not the only evils arising from the large accumulation of rev enue in the United States treasury. A surplus tends to centralization and an unnatural and undesirable strength of the creation of a great many unnecessary offices and the erection of many

government of this country is at Washington and that the states are own escort? The fifty-seventh Congress, in spite of failure in the performance of duty, one the young man is in the drug

the people. Its record proves that a his voice sounds as far away as the Congress is imperative if the people's polar icebergs. change in the majority control of will is to prevail. Voters have been that that invention has never been taught that the trusts control the Republican party. Anti-trust legislation, tariff revision and a wise and of telephones to see each other while profitable reciprocity must come through a Republican defeat at the polls. The effect of this teaching

fluence in next year's election.

The Policy Is Responsible. is the familiar statement carried in versations over the wire with the man "Most of the mob were foreigners," the dispatches from West Virginia. The list of casualties does not wholly bear out this statement, but the na tionality of the rioters is not imporhowever, when one recalls the policy at 7:30 o'clock, when she is clad like tant. It has a certain significance, that has flooded the mining regions with labor that knows nothing of our language or laws and has no concept hour before this time, only to behold her with an aureole of curl papers tion of that ingrained respect for around her head and a dab of powder legally constituted authority which on her sweet nose! alone makes possible a government by the people.

Nothing Worse Could Be Done. an extra session of the new Senate try to imagine such a contretemps. Since some of the work expected to be accomplished in this special meet ising affair of the heart? ing will require enabling legislation by gress than from the old one, but there the line of machines to see around could come nothing worse.

Mr. Littlefield's Inconsistency. Congressman Littlefield has had a Baltimore News. great fall. He has been heralded as the champion trust buster, the fierce foe of monopoly, the author of bills through a Western Union telegraph that would fix the combines. And operator's mistake. Manuel was enhe voted in committee to favorably re gaged to be married to Miss Maggie port the subsidy bill which would give Bryant of Jeffersonville, and in Janu-\$20,000,000 to one of the most oppres ary of last year he telegraphed her to sive trusts on earth, a gift that would meet him in Louisville.

terests of the United States. Encouraging Extravagance.

Now we are a "two-billion-dollar tion. nation," and it is not probable that | Manuel sucd the telegraph company the limit has yet been reached. Our for damages, but Judge Field disstatesmen will be extravagant just at missed has case yesterday, holdlong as the people are willing to be ing that unless the importance of cortaxed to pile up a surplus in the treas rect transmission is impresed upon ury. If taxpayers are indifferent to the company agents no recovery can their own interests they may rest as be had .- The North American. sured that Congress will place no wages long paid by the Carnegie com- curb on the reckless expenditures of the people's money.

In the Hands of Their Friends. The trusts need have no fears so long as the Republicans continue to was." control all branches of the govern. The visiting constable expectorated ment. There may be strong anti- in an introductory manner. trust talk on the part of the Republi- "Like us out in Cripple Gulch in the can president and a few Republican early '80s," he remarked. "People got Never was there a more conspicu- members of the House, but with the so keerless going about without their Republican party in control the trusts are in the hands of their friends.

Kill Them in Infancy. The thing to do with the trusts is clearly avowed-as they are in most clothes. cases, if not by admission at least by construction-to so legislate that their he asked, with unexpected acumen.power for doing evil may be curbed. New York Sun.

Ought to Bear Their Share.

Somehow it never seems to occur to the mine operators that the burden

SAGES SENT.

Callers, Aids in Reuniting Parted Lovers, and Has Numberless Other Recommendations.

We have become so used to including the telephone among the comforts of home that it is doubtful now if we really appreciate all of its advantages. The telephone is more than an instrument over which to talk to the butcher and baker, It is a medium sometimes 'or furthering treason and strategem and acquiring spoils.

Does a young woman receive a call 'rom a masculine friend who bores ous, she gives her brother or sister or, to say that her grandmother is ill in the next block and she must go to her

When the visitor has departed the rescued one thanks her rescuer warm-

Sometimes the telephone saves the rampant at both ends of the capitol, by telephone the next day but one, and asks her in a voice made carefully frigid any one of the following ques-

Have I any books of yours which you wish me to return?

How shall I send your letters back, by mail or by messenger? Will it incommode you at all if I send to your house to-night for my

copy of Omar? Did I injure the glass in your front door when I shut it night before last? I am afraid I used almost too much

emphasis. Do you still wish me to take you to the theater, or shall I send you the tickets and allow you to select your

If the young woman replies with proper tact, diplomatic relations will takes to write all this, for it is ten to has, nevertheless, indirectly served store on the nearest corner, although

It is a mighty good thing, by the by, perfected that was once talked of and that was designed to permit the users conversing, for not only would this be inconvenient to the men who declare they are in their offices, when in realshould exercise a compelling inity they are at the club engaging in the great American game, but also would it be exceedingly disagreeable to the young woman who holds conwho admires her most with her golden hair hanging down her back and wear-

ing her bathrobe, for such things are. Imagine the feelings of the youth who expects to take a girl into dinner the lilies of the field, calling her up an

This is purely a fancy picture, for curl papers are as much out of date as crinoline, and powder went out with the fashion of wearing the hair in President Roosevelt has summoned queues; but, just for argument's sake, Would it not break up many a prom-

To return to our mutton, the telethe House of Representatives, and phone is a most valuable invention. It since the expiring Congress has done reunites loving hearts and it furnishes none of the things which the interests reasons for jealousy to lovers who of the nation require should be done need prodding, and excuses to those there ought to be an extra session of who wish to get away from bores-but both branches. Possibly there might it is great enough as it is, and we do come no more good from the new Con not want any improvements with it in corners. We have troubles enough already, and too much knowledge doesn't add to any one's happiness.

> Love and the Telegraph. Clarence Manuel lost a bride

oply to prey upon the agricultural in Miss Bryant went there. When she did not find Manuel she lost her temper, declared their engagement off and has since refused to listen to his explana-

The Detective Was Detected.

The home detective had the floor. "Yes," he replied, proudly, "we broke into more than forty private houses just to show them how easy it

weepons that we had to hit a couple dozen on the head with a pole ax just as a warning to the others. Yes, sirree!

A smile passed over the home denot to wait until they have done the tective's face. This was promptly damage, but when their intentions are shadowed by an uneasy look in plain

"What did you say you would take?"

Needed More Than One. Ethel-I do wish it were not the custom to wear the engagement ring

on only the third finger of one's left Clara-So do I. I can't get more

one time now.