## YOUTHFUL MURDERERS IN JAIL

in Indiana After an All-Day Fight.

## Harvey Van Dine, Gustav Marx, Peter Neidermeyer and Emil Roeski, Who Killed Seven Men in Their Brief Career of Crime, Captured

MURDERS TO WHICH CHICAGO | BANDITS HAVE CONFESSED.

Bauder, Otto, murdered in saloon of Ernest Spires, 1820 North Ashland avenue, July 9. La Gross, B. C., murdered in his saloon, 2,20 North Ashland

avenue, Aug. 2. Johnson, Adolph, mu.dered in saloon of B. C. La Gross, 2120 North Ashland avenue Aug. Johnson, James B., motorman, killed in robbery of Chicago City Railway company barns,

Stewart, Francis W., clerk, killed in robbery of Chicago City Railway company barns, Aug.

Quinn, John, detective, killed while trying to arrest Marx. Sovea, L. J., brakeman on Pennsylvania railroad, killed on freight train at East Tolleston,

In addition to these murders, the same bandits wounded six men in committing robberies.

Possessed of all the cowardice and the canning of the sheep-killing dog, four young men are now in the county jail at Chicago; cowardly because they had murdered chiefly the helpless and unsuspecting, and, despite their boasting, were all captured alive with loaded weapons in their hands; cunning because they recognized the fact that their very recklessness and audacity in crime would suffice to distract attention from such youths as they; bloodthirsty because they murdered unnecessarily, not even to assure their own safety, but from sheer lust of mur-Ger, as the sheep killing dog tears the throats of the scores of sheep, while he does not even drink the product of

Sullen and yet boasting, there they are alike, yet not alike, for they vary in some characteristics. They might perhaps be classified-Harvey Van Dine, the brains; Gustav Marx, the lieutenant and second in intelligence; Peter Niedemeyer, the murderous, and Emil Roeski, the weak, drunken, vic-

Bruised and wounded, the three men when captured, yet retained a degree of their brayado, a brayado which is soon to pass away, for as the shadows deepen about them and the skeleton of the gallows develops itself more clearly there will come a new comprehension and a frightened understanding of what it is which they have done.

There have been Claude Davals and Dick Turpins and Robert Macaires. There have been James brothers and Younger brothers, and goodness knows how many other distinguished and fraternal highwaymen.

You may count them all, with all their exploits, and find nothing so intensely dramatic as the story of the battle of Miller's Station Nov. 27.

Truly, it was a great chapter in the long history of crime in Chicago. The mind of the dime novelist never conceived a scene more thrilling than the last stand and final capture of the three remaining authors of the carbarn murders-Van Dine, Niedemeyer

complished at hard cost. One man was chin is strong, but it is his mouth ed, and had a fair chance for at least killed, others were badly wounded, aft- which reveals the quality of the man. a few hours more, if not ultimate, er a desperate man hunt, a dramatic It is cruel and brutally lascivious. It i liberty. escape and recapture.

caught they were sights for the gods. Christian maidens mangled by wild through a cordon of Chicago detec-They were salted with buckshot, their | beasts,

serious business for all concerned, the car barns. the village blacksmith of East Tolles- criminal history. ton, was the man who brought down

men of the posse wounded. Detective ing. Sergeant Matthew Zimmer and Police Roeski does not belong to the group. markable group of criminals ever been retained by them because of his Without an instant's hesitation, each of being the only great-grandfather the most effective way possible." Will

months of a charmed career of crime, answering the questions of reporters, credit five men murdered, eight others parent truthfulness. Every item of his could have killed every farmer in grannies in the senate, but revels in wounded, and a half dozen places make-up stamped him as what is front of us, but what would have been the distinction of being the only greatlooted of money in various amounts. known as a "bum."

Says Football Is Injurious,

who will live to the age of 60."

Hons laugh.

Two Kinds of Humorists.

well upon a strong neck suited to the present condition.

pered by companions, there might their slaughtering hands. have been a longer story to tell of a | Earlier in the day they would not sorrow appeared in the voices or faces the Pacific coast in his pursuit.

The face of Van Dine marks him : He was shabbily dressed and in a | before night, and somehow I didn't easily as the brains, the deviser, of the pitiable state of fright. He seems to want to do any shooting."

killed with as little regard for life as pair. Though bruised, and with somewhat | that exhibited by hunger-crazed ant- | Emi! Roeski, their pal, left the two of the feverish look resultant from the mais. No fear of the law ever caused soon after they broke from the dugday's terrific adventures and the pres- them to stay their trigger fingers. If out, and, despite a severe bullet ence of a few small shot in the head, the wiping out of one or more human | wound in the hip, walked eight miles its expression was firm and almost lives was necessary to their secur- across the country to Actna, a station placid. The jaw is strong, the fore- ing a few dollars and cents or essent of the Wabash railroad. In the toilet head a good one, the eyebrows finely tial to their escape from peril, out room be washed his hands and cleared arched, and, taken all in all, the man | weat the life or lives as rapidly as | the traces of blood from his clothing. a candle is muffed by an expert shot. Then he bought a ticket to Chicago, But it is the eyes which fascinate. Yet, after an all-morning battle with and, exhausted, lay down on a bench They are of a singular gray blue and officers of the law, standing at bay to sleep until the train should arrive. have an expression which is puzzling on the edge of the frozen Tolleston | He awoke to gaze into the barrel of and indefinable. They are not exactly marsh, with birdshot loaded guns of a revolver aimed at his head by Desnake-like, but they are mystifying, the farmers pointed at them, they hes- tective Falkland, Had Van Dine escaped alone, unham- itated for just one moment and staid

man hunt, a story similar to that of have hesitated. They would have shot of Van Dine and Neidemyer, as in the murderer Tracey, who, not so long down the farmers like so many dogs. the gathering twilight, nursing their ago, roused the entire Northwest along | Their wounds had not impaired their | bullet and shot wounds, they sat in almost supernatural marksmanship. Chief O'Neill's office and confessed ev-The fact and form of Niedemeyer | Each carried 100 rounds of ammuni- ery crime of which they had been are in sharp contrast with those of tion. They stood behind a rude barri- accused. Van Dine. Taller and darker than the cade of cornstalks. The frezen marsh, real leader of the group of killers, with its tangled reeds, and brambles, mitted the responsibility of the quartet there is no redeeming quality to him. and scrub, furnished at least a tem-His swart features are irregular, his porarily safe retreat. The farmers of seven other men. They told of the speech harsh, and the expression of were not dangerous. Their birdshot money they had secured from the his face generally is that of sullen stung, but it did not seriously wound. robberies of which the murders-to

quartet. It is a long face, with a be an habitual drunkard, the twitch. Van Dine was the first to throw up clear complexion, such as would nature ling of his hands indicating a nervous his hands and call out that he surally accompany red hair, and is borne state, even beyond that induced his rendered. Two magazine revolvers,

one blued revolver and one pearl hanpody of the athlete Van Dine is known | For six months these four men had dled weapon were taken from the

Nonchalantly and glibly they adfor seven murders and the wounding them-were but insignificant and unimportant parts. They laughed over the double killing involved in the Chicago City railway car barn robbery.

The cases against the four young bandits were placed before the grand jury Nov. 28. After hearing the confession of the prisoners true bills for murder were voted against all four.

## WANT TO KEEP CURIOSITY.

Villagers Would Retain Intact Rock Forming Washington's Profile.

The residents of Mamaroneck, N. Y., led by Father Meister, a Catholic priest, have formed an association to preserve a wonderful phenomenon, which has become known as Washing-

Country appeared several years ago on a rock near Oriental point. It was supposed at the time that it was produced by a blast, but because it is close to the site of Washington's headquarters, where he fought the battle or Heathcote bill, and within a stone's throw of the old house where Cooper's character, Harvey Green, in "The Spy," lived, some of the superstitious people of the town are inclined to attach a supernatural origin to it.

The head and features of Washington are stamped on the rock in massive size and at certain angles the resemblance is complete. The nose is formed eyes by the dark coloring of the

Public meetings have been held and the people interested have formed the Washington Rock Association. It is proposed to collect a fund and place a bronze tablet upon the rock and dediantipathy to all mankind. His look is | Policemen were creeping on them cate it Oct. 21, 1904, the 120th anninot intelligent, but has a certain craft- from corn shock to corn shock, and versary of the battle of Heathcote from scrub pine to scrub oak. But hill.

Fads of Wealthy New Yorkers.

James Reilly, one of New York's little known millionaires, has a curinumber of undertakers, who keep tives who thought they had snated him posted regarding such cases as could not restrain his desire for kill- Driscoll and Zimmer, and although hit police force. He is always camp-For six miles they plowed their way, reason to thank Sam Martin for an administration that results in such account for his official misconduct, "redemption."

Promotion for Gen. Chaffee. Lieutenant General S. B. M. Young, brakeman stood between them and the | who was confirmed by the senate a object of their desire. With a smile | few days ago, will reach the retiring Marx has a face with no impressive and scurvy jest. Neidemyer killed age on Jan. 9 next. This will make a features, save that it has an expres- him. The blood lust was still upon vacancy as chief of the general staff. It has been announced that Major Gen-But standing behind their feeble de- eral Adna R. Chaffee will be appointed remorrelessly by the bandits; two one of fear. He realizes what is com- another in the eye. In that moment vacancy on the general staff to be something put that which they had filled by some other major general.

> Senator Frye's Cause of Prica. William P. Frye of Maine boasts

the use? We would have been 'got' grandfather.

Senator Perkins says he knows why

Cockrell a Lover of Whist.

Senator Cockrell of Missouri finds presides, is almost made up of ex-gov- His evenings at home, when devoted ernors. Mr. Cullom of this state, Mr. to this kind of card games, are no one Kean of New Jersey, Mr. Foraker of or two hour affairs. A few minutes be depended upon to make up a table.

Since the election of 1900 there has It will be remembered that when been a slump in the market value of Miss Huldah Todd, postmistress at printed. stocks amounting to more than \$7,750 - Greenwood, Del., was removed, it was 000,000. If the democrats had been announced by the administration that

Can They Keep it Spinning?

Commoner Comment.

tance, and often defended as a really administration would not relent-its

A SLUMP IN STOCKS.

tling down to a solid basis."

values and the watering of stocks?

the steel trust has 98,000 stockholders,

public from watered stock?

satisfactory one?

The readers of The Commoner are to him. asked to remember that this slump in | On November 19, Mr. Roosevelt re- hint to the prominent administration stocks indicates one of two things. If appointed Joshua E. Wilson, a negro, leaders who laughed with glee at menthe slump means that the water is be- to the office of postmaster at Florence, tion of the Panama affair. The likeness portraying the head ing squeezed out of the stocks, that S. C. The white residents of that town and features of the Father of His | fictitious values are being destroyed, unanimously protested against the re-

> will republicans defend an administra- Wilson was reappointed. tion that permits the inflation of it seems that the administration's erts was a democrat in a republican policy is subject to alteration. In congress, and Smoot is a republican in It cannot be denied that many have Delaware the protest of one senator a republican congress. suffered by the slump. Those innocent representing the Addicks republicans purchasers, of whom we hear so much is sufficient, while the protest of two when remedial legislation is suggested, senators in South Carolina is of no forms, the sultan of Turkey Instats have been suffering. It is said that avail.

> > THE LAW'S DELAYS.

and all of these have suffered by the posed to this loss? Many of the hold- law's delay, Justice David J. Brewer tacking the trusts. ers of this stock are employes who says: "I was assured by one in a positook the stock more to encourage the tion to know that in a single state one | The attention of the governor of Inidea of co-operation in industry than of the great railroad corporations by diana is respectfully called to the fact to make a profit out of it. They want- appealing every judgment against it to that Governor Beckwith is to hold ofby a projection and the mouth and ed to show their appreciation of what the supreme court of the state-that fice for another term and that he is they regarded as a generous offer on court having a crowded docket-made now ready to accept ex-Governor Taythe part of the company. Was it not enough in compromising the judg- lor and insure him a fair trial. a little cruel to thus reward their con- ments against it in the trial courts to fidence? When will "confidence" be pay the entire cost of its legal depart- General Wood is now called upon to restored among these people? What ment," Justice Brewer has devoted step to the front and tell where he got about the widow who put her scanty considerable thought to this subject, it. This growing inquisitiveness on savings in preferred or common steel? and while few will, we think, be in- the part of the people is becoming We always hear of the widow when clined to agree with him concerning quite wearisome to a large contingent we discuss the money question or at- the denial of the right of appeal in of administration favorities. tempt to curb corporate rapacity, why criminal cases, it cannot be doubted is she kept in the background now? that marked improvement must be Has the president ever thought of The Kansas City platform proposed a made with respect to the delays in all trying the injunction on recalcitrant remedy that, if adopted, would have cases, made it impossible for an interstate

commerce corporation to have watered PERRY HEATH'S GOOD LUCK. its stock. This tremendous loss would It is reported that the only penalty ous workingmen. have been prevented if that remedy that will be required of Perry S. Heath had been adopted before the steel trust for his part in the postoffice scandals. It is reported that Addicks is to rerepublican leaders for the situation the republican national committee, as well to discount the report. Mr. which now confronts them? What is Mr. Heath will be permitted to retire, Addicks has a little matter of deliverthe president doing, what is the repub- not however, necessarily as a punish- ing a few delegates to attend to before lican congress doing to protect the ment, but because it is thought to be he can gracefully retire. bad politics to permit him to remain. If to escape this dilemma the re- It would seem, however, that inasmuch | Nebraska republicans love to talk publicans insist that the shrinkage in as Mr. Roosevelt has had so much to about the "redemption" of Nebraska stocks does not indicate a squeezing say about honesty and fidelity to duty, from "demo-pop rule." Recent grand out of water, but a loss in actual and he would be able to devise some plan jury indictments in the federal court a victim of police tyranny has had | honest values, what will they say about | whereby Mr. Heath could be called to at Omaha indicate the extent of the

> a blow to industry? Can the country "With all its superb vitality the dem- Republican sneers at the "solid be said to be prosperous if honest stocks have suffered a shrinkage of ocratic party cannot survive constant south" would be in better taste if nearly two billions of dollars in three defeat," declares the Indianapolis "solid New England" did not cling to years? Is the industrial condition a News. But the democratic party has its idols with a tenacity never equalled survived constant defeat. The trouble by the states south of the old Mason seems to have been that the democratic and Dixon line. PAYNE CALLED IT "HOT AIR." party could not endure some of its The New York Commercial is very latter day "victories."

much opposed to congressional inquiry into the postoffice scandal. The The administration action in the pail. But this will not prevent its L. J. Sovea, a brakeman, shot down expression is now rapidly changing to fenses of frezen stalk they looked one to the vacancy, and this will make a Commercial says: "Let the department Panama case is hardly square with chief buglers from making the usual itself run to cover the rascals who have Mr. Roosevelt's announced determina- appeal when campaign time comes been mismanaging the country's postal tion to carry out the McKinley poli- again. business. It will be time enough for cies. The McKinley name is good to congress to take a hand when it has conjure with, but the McKinley poll- Mr. Hanna is on easy street so far been disclosed that the postmaster cies are obstacles that are not allowed as his senatorial place is concerned. general is not doing his full duty in to deter our strenuous executive.

known in Chicago-Harvey Van Dine, knowledge of their crimes. Of medium | man threw up his hands and surren- in the United States senate, a girl the Commercial undertake seriously to | The Durbin vice-presidential boom into taking second place on the Roose-Peter Niedemeyer and Emil Roeski. height and weight, red-nosed, weak- dered to the farmers and to certain baby having arrived at the home of say that the postmaster general's atti- is calculated to make cold chills play welt ticket. his grandson, William Frye White, in tude from the beginning of these tag up and down the spine of one Wil-"I thought it was no use fighting Washington. Mr. Frye is willing to scandals was such as to justify the im- liam S. Taylor. Anything calculated The people who wink at the buying these young men may count to their sullenly and hesitatingly, but with appression that he is willing to do his to remove Durbin from the Indiana of senatorial seats have very little full duty in the most effective way state house is exceedingly dangerous grounds for complaint when senators to Mr. Taylor's well-being.

> The organs that had no difficulty in The territories will knock separately The Philadelphia Ledger is talking locating the causes of the industrial for admission this time. And despite about "the passing of Perry Heath." depression in 1892-96 are giving some its platform promises the g. o. p. will The Ledger is mistaken. It is not exhibitions of ground and lofty tum- do a little "knocking" on its own ac- Perry who has passed-it is merely bling in their efforts to locate the count.

Emperor William has had a polypus removed from his throat. The polypus The amount the government pays Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt performed is raging in quite a large majority of for carrying the mails and for rent

Are the gentlemen opposed to the mail. In the opinion of Mr. Hanna, "what promotion of General Wood quite sure the sainted McKinley said" amounts that the Jai Alai business is eligible. The Nebraska senatorial scandal is

The crushing sound merely indicates Having executed a complete somersault on the tariff question, President that the trusts have been quick to avail national honor and to justice are to Roosevelt feels quite able to execute themselves of the invitation to apply be denounced as Impertinent by cona similar acrobatic reversal on the the screws to the people with a little gress and cabinet?

race question if convinced that it is more vigor. Colombia's protests must be ad- Crum shall have one more try at the The manager of a government de- dressed to ears that refused to hearken "door of opportunity.

partment who can prove that there is to the apeal from South Africa.

"The next fight begins tomorrow." The present fight is on today.

The daily newspapers print the names of the few men who occasionally "clean out the betting ring." Owing to the fact that even the daily newspapers are confined to certain limits as regards size, the names of those who are cleaned out are never

Courtesy of The Commoner.

Shall the democratic party fall under successful in the last presidential elec- she was removed because she was the control of men who always vote tion the republican papers would have "personally distasteful" to Senator Al- the republican ticket when they fail charged this tremendous slump in Ice, who represents the Addicks fac- to make the democratic party so nearstocks to the democratic administra- tion of the republican party in Dela- by like the republican party that an tion. How will they explain it now? ware. With but few exceptions, the expert cannot detect any difference? When it is referred to at all it is de- patrons of that postoffice protested That is a question that every loyal scribed as a matter of small impor- against Miss Todd's removal, but the democrat hould ponder over,

desirable thing. We are told that it representatives insisting that the rewas a "natural liquidation," an elimi- moval of this postmistress was neces- laughed with give at the suggestion nation of "speculative values," a "set- sary because one senator had stated that she might be compelled to pay that she was "personally distasteful" damages for allowing the Alabama to put forth from her shores. This is a

and that the industries are simply appointment. The two South Caro- the ousting of Congressman Roberts as settling down to an honest basis, how lina senators likewise protested; but a precedent for ousting Senator Smoot

Having promised all kinds of rethat he has done all that may be fairly required of him. This reminds us that Mr. Philander Knox occupies a fall in prices. Why should they be ex- Writing in the Independent on the very similar position as regards at-

republicans. Some of his warmest friends and admirers have found it very useful in dealing with obstreper-

The steel trust is preparing to create

but he must watch those gentlemen who are inclined to seduce Mr. Herrick

sell their political patronage.

the time embraced in the statute of

ing the entire cost of running the passenger trains which carry United States

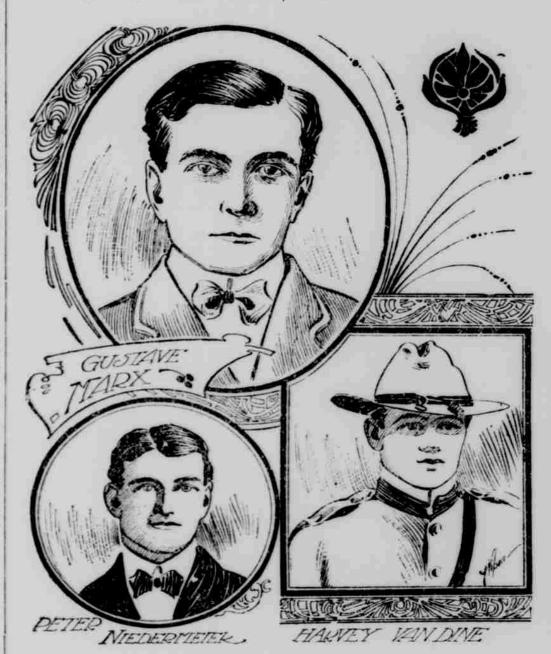
election of United States senators.

Has it come to pass that appeals to

The indications are that corruption will run rit before water runs through

the isthmian canal. Mr. Hanna says there is nothing to

Is "Whale Colombia" to become our discuss. But can he tell us how old Ann is?



iness about it. His nose is a spread Roman, his the young bandits were not surroundmight have been the mouth of some | In the morning when they fought ous fad-that of providing for the For hours these three men fought low Roman serf, whose duty it was to their way from the degout on the decent burial of indigent dead. He For nours these three men longht drag from the arena the bodies of lake Michigan is in constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats, and when finally constant communication with a like caged rats.

flesh was torn with bullets, they were The whole aspect of his face was them like rats in a trap, they swore he wishes to look after. Another bleeding from scores of wounds. Yet that of some of the duller and clumsier to die fighting and killing till the rich New Yorker, Samuel Martin, all will live to join Marx and meet caraivora. He was the bloodthirsty last. W'h their flendish accuracy of spends a good deal of time and money again on a clear road to the gal- one of the group. He it was who aim they had shot down Detectives in helping important victims of the The capture of the men was very ing. and did unnecessary murder at themselves, with Emil Roeski, their ing on some officer's trail and many

and yet it carried a touch of humor. Not in him was it to confess with With two special trains of Chicago po- any freedom. Only with grunts and leaving bloody trails, across sand timely aid. licemen armed with Winchester rifles, nods of the head did he confirm the dune, through dwarfed forest, and the final work was done by a little story of Van Dine. He should have over ice-coated marsh. They wanted band of rabbit hunters and an arma- been a member of the Bender family, an engine to aid them in escaping. A ment of shotguns. Charles Hamilton, so murderously famous in Kansas

To put it in statistical form, the net | sion of self-consciousness and vanity | them. results of the day were one man dead, in what his career has been. That

man Joseph B. Driscoll, and three cap- He must have become connected with their thirst for blood was quenched, tured of the most hardened and re- them through some accident, and have and their career as man killers ended. For other results within the past six | featured, and watery-eyed, he sat there | death on the gallows,

Future Naval Heroes. Dr. S. F. Taylor, president of Stephthing to be a professional humorist. | signed.

Recently a society youth of the "Willie-off-the-yacht" sort was introduced to the author. "Aw, I say, Mr. Clem-

The largest class that ever entered bed in the night and deposited on a red iron buoy in the bay, where he Mark Twain long ago arrived at the remained until morning. The folconclusion that it is a very serious lowing day he took the hint and re- commerce, over which Senator Elkins his chief recreation in duplicate whist.

> Will Make T. B. Feel Ashamed. lanta Constitution.

en's College, Columbia, Mo., took ad- the naval academy at Annapolis is Yale-Harvard football game George G. nature located gold mines in Butte, vantage of the Thanksgiving season to just beginning its first year's work. Coolidge of East Orange, N. J., a ser- Mont., instead of coal deposits. He express somewhat heretical opinions There are 320 "middies," ranging in jor of the Sheffield Scientific school was there not long ago and was about football. "I think," he says, age from 15 to 20 years. All but at Yale university, and said to be a charged 75 cents for a shave and a "that any man who will play football one are from the United States as cousin of J. Pierpont Morgan, has shine. In the washroom attached that Panama "coup" in order to attract this government's administrative de- of postal cars comes very near payis a fool and any college president or bounded by its historic limits; one is taken out a junk peddler's license in to the barber's shop he wanted the the limelight from Mr. Hanna's Ohio partments. professor who encourages such a a native Hawaiian. The noncon- New Haven. The bet was laid with use of a comb for a few moments, and victory. brutal and degraded sport is encour- tiguous territories of Porto Rico and a classmate, who if he lost was to this cost him another quarter. He aging brutality and a spirit of crime. the Philippines have no representative out a bootblack's license. Both rinsed his hands after arranging his Two-thirds of the work done in the gymnasiums here and in other parts gymnasiums here and in other parts at hand and once more gave up 25 on hand.

There are no negroes in the young men are very wealthy. Coolhair and wiped them on a towcl near to nothing when there is no campaign of limitations?

The Nebraska senatorial scandal is another argument in favor of popular of limitations? of the country is positively injurious, tempted the examination, but failed ports to the chief of police of the cents. "And then," he says, and I tell you there is not an athlete to attain the required grade. The amount of junk he gathers, the nature dawned on me why gold instead of or gymnast in the United States to-day last negro who succeeded in passing of the same and when and where it | coal mines were to be found in that the entrance tests was taken from was bought and sold.

Hearing that Thomas Bailey Ald- Ohio, Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, are grudgingly devoted to luncheon ens. I think it must be awfully easy rich only writes one sonnet a year, Mr. McLaurin of Mississippi and Mr. somewhere about midnight and then to be funny, don't you know." "It is, one of the Billville brethren ex- Foster of Louisiana have all served the game is resumed and fought to for you-unless you try to be," grimly claimed, "Jerusalem! I write three a one or more terms as governor of the a scientific finish. The senator has replied the man who has made mil- day, and split rails on the side!"-At- states which they now represent in half a dozen friends who can always the general public to laugh. the senate.

Student Pays Freak Wager.

never known-fear-into their hearts,

pal, had made their escape.

In payment of a wager on the

Ex-Governors on Committee.

The senate committee on interstate

Need for Montana Gold Mines.

no graft in his division will be eligible to a paying position with the dime COMMONER-THREE musee circuit

When the Chicago Chronicle talks about "sham democrats" it is time for

cause of the industrial depression of