his action he said last night: 'I have painful and incurable disease or inremoved the Bible from use in my jury. court. It was a desecration to use it there. Lying words from the mouths of witnesses made its use a mockery, a travesty. I now swear or affirm a witness with uplifted hand, but it really has no significance to my mind. I would prefer to let every person tell his or her story without either oath or affirmation, and then do the best I can toward ascertaining the truth."

Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, and Captain D. M. Brooks, superintendent of foreign mails, have been chosen to represent the United States in the world's postal congress that will convent in Rome during the early part of April.

President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western railroad, in a speech delivered at a Chicago banquet, indorsed railway rate legislation.

General Joseph Wheeler, famous as a southern cavalry leader in the Civil war and a brigadier-general of the United States army since the war with Spain, died at New York. He was sixty-nine years of age. Death resulted from pneumonia.

The Hepburn railway rate bill has been reported to the house.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio legislature by Henry M. Hunt of Cincinnati which gives authority to physicians to put to death by an

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Postmaster General Cortelyou has recommended to congress the consolidation of the third and fourth classes of mail matter with the present third-class rate of 1 cent for two ounces. This would result in the establishment of a limited parcels post.

Senator Lodge in a speech in the senate defended the foreign policy of President Roosevelt with respect to Santo Domingo and the Moroccan conference.

Indiana friends of George Ade, the author of several comic operas announce that they will make him a candidate for congress.

The will of the late Marshall Field disposed of an estate estimated at one hundred million dollars. Mr. Field gave \$8,000,000 to the Field museum in Chicago and an additional \$3,000,000 for the museum in case his two grand-children die without issue. The widow received one million dollars aside from the ante-nuptial gift. A daughter is given \$6,000,000; the same sum is given to the children of his dead son. Other bequests range from \$3,000 up. It is estimated that the state of Illinois will receive as an inheritance tax from the Marshall Field estate at least one million dol-

The house committee has reported a pension bill for the fiscal year appropriating \$140,000,000.

The Ohio state senate by a unanimous vote has passed the Rathburn cent railroad fare bill.

Chairman Shonts of the Panama canal commission appeared before a senate committee and admitted that he draws \$12,000 annually from the Clover Leaf railroad, while drawing \$30,000 a year from the federal government.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Cincinnati, Ohio, January 16, ing house at Montgomery, W. Va., and while many were injured.

the Bible in his court. Explaining anaesthetic persons suffering from a safely bringing out one of the children, "Jug" King, a well-known character, was killed by a falling timber as the walls fell outward yesterday. The cottage in which the Hendersons lived caught fire and the flames were in full headway before the family aroused and fled from the burning building. Neighbors who had gathered discovered that one of the children, which both parents thought had been carried out, was still in the house, King plunged through the flames, wrapped the child in a blanket and was almost out of danger when the sides of the house fell outward and he was killed. The child was unhurt."

> An Associated Press dispatch under date of Washington, January 26, follows: "By authority of President Roosevelt correspondence was made public at the White House this evening relating to methods alleged to have been employed by attorneys for the beef packers, who are under indictment at Chicago, to influence public opinion in behalf of the packers. The documents consist of a communication made to Attorney General Moody by United States District Attorney Morrison of Chicago, setting out certain alleged facts regarding the payment of a sum of money to a Chicago newspaper reporter by one of the attorneys for the beef packers; a letter from the attorney general to the president transmitting Mr. Morrison's report, expressing the opinion that no way existed under the law by which the alleged offense could be punished, and a letter of the president to the attorney general directing the publication of the correspondence in order that the public might be informed of one situation, at least, which the government has to meet in prosecuting the case against the packers. "An editorial in the Inter-Ocean announces that Mr. Hasler, the accused reporter, has been discharged from the Inter-Ocean's employ.

> The funeral services of the late General Joseph Wheeler were held in Brooklyn, Sunday, January 29. Interment was at Washington, Monday.

The Richardson hotel at Lowell, follows: "After plunging through the Mass., was partially destroyed by flames into Charles Henderson's burn- fire. A number of lives were lost

Editorials by Commoner Readers

S. H. Newman, El Paso, Texas-| senators to Washington. It is the peoples are as radically different as ever known. I have lived in New is fully entitled to statehood and forty years and know whereof I but to unite them in one state would of time more intimately connected be a great wrong. Neither of them with that territory than any other hood the latter would carry overwhelmingly-probably by a vote of means political death. The east wants The Herald is the leading republi-World, or Farm, Stock and Home papers, are not open to residents of the respective cities in which the papers named are

New Mexico and Arizona and their worst piece of gerrymander I have the United States and Mexico. Each Mexico or on its borders for nearly each would make a splendid state; speak. I have been for that length wants statehood in this shape; but spot and know the people from the it is just barely possible that New Colorado line to El Paso. It is not Mexico might vote for it rather than their wish to be so united, and if they remain longer a territory. But if accept it at all, it is because hope she could vote on the alternative deferred has made them heartsick for proposition of joint or single state- statehood. Since we have denied liberty to the Filipinos and assisted in crushing it out of two republics in five or ten to one. And as for Ari- South Africa, it is hard to predict zona, it is simply blotting her out of what a government by the republican existence to unite her to New Mex- party may or may not do. But beico. She would prefer to continue a fore the Spanish war such an outrage territory indefinitely and would so would have aroused the American vote by a nine-tenths majority. New people from the Atlantic to the Pa-Mexico has much the larger vote, cific. Are the people of Arizona now and if the question of no statehood to be denied the right of self-governor joint statehood is to be settled by ment? I would hardly blame them the combined vote of the two terri- for stuffing ballot boxes, intimidation, tories, it is just possible that it may purchasing of votes in New Mexico, carry. If so, the canvass of the re- or anything else within the bounds of turns will show that not five per reason. Even armed opposition and cent of the Arizona votes will be for resistance would not be very blamait. To New Mexico the jointure ble if there were the remotest prosdoes not appear quite so outrageous, pect of defeating the measure by such because she will be sure to dominate means. I enclose an editorial from the new state. But to Arizona it the El Paso Herald on this subject. to make Arizona republican by tack- can paper in this section. To the ing it on to New Mexico and at the people of the two territories there same time defeat the sending of four is no politics in the question what

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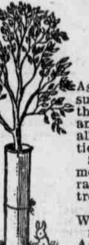
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