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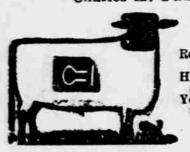
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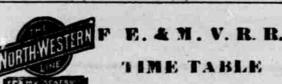
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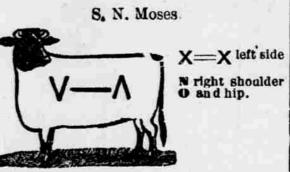
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These companies are represented by I. M. Rice of Valentine. In these companies together with the German Mutual of Omaha he has written thousands of dollars of in-Crookston, Cody, Merriman, Gordon, Wooklake and throughout Cherry Co. There has never been a question as to the reliability surance. There should be no dis- Could any parallel be worse? crimination against them because they have saved thousands of dollars to policy holders, and insurhave profited. They insure city and churches.

Running Water.

Lou Mosher was on the river Sunday.

Al Smith was on the sick lis last week.

Bob Ellis went to town the first of the week.

The Niobrara Falls changed to Rocky Corner. Samuel Heth and wife were vis-

ting at C. Thompson's Charley Reece went to his broth-

ers and brotherinlaws.

ranch with a load of freight.

S. L. Ellis went out home Sunlay with a load of goods for his

The foot bridge in district No. 100 went out last Sunday, so there is no more school.

George Sedlacek just returned Sunday from the dance and he attempted it. looked down at the lip.

The school in district 100 clo sed last week. The teacher was sick and she went to visit her stepmoth-

NIOBRARA BILL.

Too Generous.

"What was the trouble between Arabella and her young man that they gave up the idea of marrying?" asked a former resident of Bushby.

"Arabella was always techy," said the young lady's aunt, with impersonal calmness, "and that was the trouble -that and her being so literal. It's a terrible resky combination o' quali-

"They kept having hitches all along. but come Christmas time Albert asked her right up and down what she wanted, for fear of making the wrong choice, and she said, 'You can give me enough

"Well, her feet aren't as small as some, but that wasn't his idea. 'Twas because he's generous and not literal. He sent her a five pound box, poor, deluded critter, and she up and broke the engagement, and his little sister ate the candy and enjoyed it, by what I hear."-Youth's Companions

STRICKEN FILIPINOS.

Thousands of Them Are Dying of Hunger and Disease.

AN APPROPRIATION ASKED FOR

The Secretary of War Describes the Terrible Conditions That Exist. Plague, Pestilence and Famine Are Devastating the Islands-Failure of "Benevolent Assimilation." The once prosperous Philippine Is-

lands have come to a sad pass. After war, murder, torture, rapine and fire have devastated the greater portion of The Mutual Insurance people of these islands, the inevitable plague, pestilence and famine have followed in their train. Two hundred and fifty thousand Fil:pinos are said to have been killed in the war, and a like number have perished from the plague. How lematical, but the number must approach 2,000,000 of helpless ones. These are now dying of hunger, and the numnot been stayed.

So desperate are the conditions that President Roosevelt has transmitted to congress a message inclosing a letter from Secretary Root describing the terrible conditions that prevail and asking tute. The secretary of war says:

"It seems to me that the conditions resulting from the destruction by rinthe consequent failure of the rice crop, action by congress beyond that for which the commission specifically asks. * * * I think the eccasion for relief in the Philippines is now greater than it was in Cuba when congress appropriated \$3,000,000 for the payment of the Cuban soldiers out of the treasury of the United States, or than it was in Porto Rico when hundreds of thousands of dollars were contributed by the peosurance for people in Valentine, ple of the United States and mere than \$1,000,000 paid out of the national treasury for the relief of the sufferers from the hurricane of August, 1899."

Never before has a message of a pres ident to congress presented such a sad and disastrous condition as existing in of these mutual companies and any of the territory of the United those holding policies in them can States-worse than Cuba after the iron testify to the saving in cost of in- despotism of Spain and the brutality of Weyler had devastated that fair island

The great heart of the American people freely gave relief to the Cuban distress and now will respond with even greater liberality, for Cuba was only a ance rates have been lowered 25 neighbor in distress, but the Filipines per cent by virtue of the existence are our own people, whom we have undertaken to provide for. We bought of these companies, in which even them with a great price and have spent those opposed to mutual insurance hundreds of millions to force our government on them. We have been told we are there to stay whatever betides. and farm property, school houses The more reason they should be cared for. There should be no delay in making this appropriation to relieve this distress, for which we are at least partially responsible. If \$3,000,000 is not enough, let it be doubled or even tenfold appropriated.

The government we have instituted in the Philippines collects all the revenucs, and, sorry to relate, most of it is expended on our own officials who have been sent there to administer it. The Filipinos are helpless; their fate is in our hands.

Whatever disposition is to be made of the Philippine Islands will be settled hereafter. The present is no time for quibbling on political conditions when thousands are dying of hunger and dis-

The Republican administration of benevolent assimilation for the islands is a failure-our chief officials acknowledge it. Instead of the pictures of con-N. S. Rowley went out to his tentment and good government that have been the constant theme of the imperialists, they are now forced to portray impoverishment and distress. Is it to be wondered at that ladrones are organized into bands, even for plunder, with gaunt hunger stalking through the land, up to the gates of

Government of the people without their consent has always been disastrous to the governed and usually brought misfortune to those who have



It is interred in the Republican graveyard by the side of the Constitution.

Feeling the Trust Pulse.

We are informed by a Washington dispatch that the house judiciary committee will "not take hasty or precipitate action in the matter of regulating the trusts." This is surprising news, but not absolutely incredible.-Chicago

TRUCKLING TO TRUSTS.

Treasurer Roberts' Deception as to the Cause of High Prices.

As a rule the present heads of the government departments and bureaus recognize the trusts as the real power behind the Republican throne and understand what is required of them if they wish to hold on to their jobs. In short, they serve the trusts. Some serve in their official capacity only; others curry favor and promotion by serving with all their faculties at all times. These latter are the wise ones, as is evident from the kind of men appointed to commissions, bureaus, etc.

Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts was undoubtedly right when he told the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that, with all other things equal, large additions to the currency carry up the prices of commodities measured by it."

He then said that "notable advances have taken place in the prices of articles of necessity during the last five years." His estimate of the increased cost of living as 25 to 39 per cent is undoubtedly too low, however.

Treasurer Roberts would have us infer that these increased prices and higher cost of living are due entirely to the additions to the currency of the country. The increase in gold alone in this country, he said, had averaged \$107,-733,639 a year since Jan. 1, 1899. He said nothing about the marvelous growth of trusts since the passage of the Dingley act in 1897 and the probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that most of the advance in prices is due to the monopoly of our markets by these protected trusts. In fact, most of the notable advances can be traced to some trust formed since 1897 or to natural causes, such as poor crops abroad or poor crops at home. Some farm products are selling for less now than in 1897 in spite of the great scarcity abroad. Thus Mr. Roberts mentions wheat as being lower now than in

1897. That the trusts are the real culprits in putting up prices is evident from a consideration of foreign prices. France, England and Germany have increased their gold holdings since 1898 almost as much as has this country. Yet the cost of living in those countries has increased only about one-third as much as here and, in fact, has probably declined considerably during the last two years, in spite of poor crops there and while it was rapidly rising in our own trust ridden country. Sauerbeck's "index" tables show that prices in England declined 5 per cent in 1901 and were only 16 per cent higher than in 1896. Prices there probably declined further in 1902, although most meat and other products imported from the United States were

higher. It is up to Treasurer Roberts to tell us why, with greatly increased currency both here and abroad, prices have not risen almost as much there as here. "With all other things equal," he said. Will he please tell us what other things that might affect prices were as unequal in this period as the growth of trusts here and abroad?

No, he will not. He prefers to play the sycophant and to apologize for the



Coal Trust-Give 'im all he'll stand!

Unnecessary Conventions In Ohio. Boss Hanna has nominated his friend Herrick of Cleveland as the candidate of the Republican party for governor of Ohio. He will allow the party to hold a convention next fall and indorse his selections for governor and other candidates. Quite a number of Republican editors of that state want the party to hold an old fashioned convention and make the nominations in the ancient way. These are supposed to be sympathizers with the ambition of Congressman Dick, whom Boss Hanna placed at the head of the state committee. For the past seven years Boss Hanna has had undisputed control of the Republican party of Ohio. As the Republicans of that state evidently like to be bossed, the objections of these Republican editors will probably be futile. What is the use of holding Republican conventions in Ohio anyway? They are expensive luxuries and under the modern boss system entirely unnecessary.

Unfair.

Following the declaration of dividends aggregating 45 per cent for the year, and following a gift of \$1,000,000 from Mr. Rockefeller to the Chicago university, comes a further advance in the price of kerosene oil of no less than a cent a gallon, making a total advance of 2 cents since September. This is a mean performance which no end of gifts to Dr. Harper's Chicago institution can excuse-taking advantage of the stress of the people who, in the scarcity of coal, are obliged to resort to such substitutes as oil to keep warm. If the Standard Oil trust were a poor corporation, struggling to care no more than 6 per cent on an honest capitalization, its conduct would be viewed with more leniency. But when it raises prices which had sufficed to yield 45 per cent on a watered capital the popular sense of decency and fairness is out-

THE MATRON'S SPEECH.

Eloquence That Quelled a Riot In a

Military Hospital. In the "Memories of a Hospital Matron" a ve for in the Atlantic Monthly. who was head of a Confederate hospital during the war, relates this enciting incident:

"Our steward, a meck little man. came to hie one day, pale with fright. and said that the convalescents had stormed the bakery, taken out the half cooked i and scattered it about the yard, beaten the baker and threatened to hang the steward. I hurried to the scene to throw myself into the breach before the surgeon should arrive with the guard and arrest the effenders. I found the new bakery leveled to the ground and 200 excited men clamoring for the bread which, they declared, the steward withheld from them from meanness or stole for his own benefit.

"'And what do you say of the matron?' I asked, rushing among them. 'Do you think that she, through whose hands the bread must pass, is a party to the theft? Do you accuse me, who have nursed you through months of illness, making you chicken soup when we had not seen a chicken for a year, forcing an old breastbone to do duty for months for those unreasonable fellows who wanted to see the chicken; me, who gave you a greater variety in peas than was ever known before and who lately stewed your rats when the cook refused to touch them? And this is your gratitude! You tear down my bakehouse, beat my baker and want to hang my steward!"

"To my surprise the angry men laughed and cheered. A few days later there came to me a 'committee' of two sheepish looking fellows to ask my acceptance of a ring. Each of the poor men had subscribed something from his pittance, and their old enemy, the steward, had been sent to town to make the purchase. Accompanying the ring was a bit of dirty paper on which was written. 'For our chief matron, in honor of her brave conduct on the day of the bread riot."

THE COOKBOOK.

To prevent eggs from cracking when they are boiling, place a pin in the

If you get too much salt in the gravy. a pinch of brown sugar will remedy the saltness without hurting the gravy in

When onions are of too strong flavor to be pleasant for sauce, boil a turnip with them, but remove it before using the onicas.

Never fry more than six oysters at once unless you have a very large kettle of fat. If more are cooked, they will soak grease and take a long time to

Don't forget that mincement is a great deal better to be made a week or ten days before it is to be used. The spices and cider, etc., have thus time to

percolate the apple and meat. Peanut salad is an excellent accompaniment for roast duck. Soak a cupful of peanut meats in olive oil, drain and mix lightly with two cupfuls of finely cut celery and a dozen pitted olives. Serve with mayonnaise dressing on let-

tuce leaves. Plea For the Wooden Shoe.

"We have wisely taken to wearing sandals," says a Philadelphia physician. "I hope that before long we will learn the advantage of the wooden shoe, or sabot. Do you know that a great many diseases are due to leather shoes, due to the wearing all day long of tight leather that is often, in bad weather, water soaked? And do you know that by the wearing of wooden shoes, which keep the feet dry and which do not 'draw,' all those diseases might be avoided? I have several pairs of sabots, and so have my wife and children. They cost about 30 cents a pair and keep the feet dry, without cramping them or making them unhealthily tender. I believe that the wisest thing Americans could do would be to take up the sandal and the sabot, discarding altogether the shoe of leather."

Didn't Know About Cashboys. Uncle Podunk (shopping in town, to

saleswoman) - How much fer them Saleswoman - Twenty-five cents a

Uncle Podunk (putting his hand in his pocket)-All right. Gimme a pair. Saleswoman - Yes, sir. Cash, here!

Uncle Podunk - Thunder and mud. woman! Ye needn't holler it so durn loud! I know it's eash here, an' ain't I feelin' fer it as fast as I kin?-New York Times.

Galvani's Discovery.

It is to the wife of Professor Galvini of Bologna that is due the credit of having discovered the electrical battery which bears his name. Some skinned frogs lay upon the table, and, noticing a convulsive movement in their limbs, she called her husband's attention to the strange fact, who instituted a series of experiments, and in 1791 he laid the foundation of the

galvanic battery. Their Luck.

"Just my luck," said Borem "She's always out when I call." "So she was telling me," said Miss

"She told you the same thing, ch?" "Yes. Only she said it was just her luck."-Philadelphia Press.

Hard Luck.

She-Because I cannot marry you do not be disheartened. You must face the world bravely

He-It isn't a question of the world; I've got to face my creditors.