Unionists Urge Consolidation of Telegraph with Postal System.

President Small of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union has called on the United States and Canada to take over the control of the telegraph lines now owned by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies. At the same time he began a campaign to se in the packing industry. Mr. Morris' cure a congressional investigation of death was due to chronic affection of the the conduct of those companies in this country. To this end the union has established two funds-one for the direct support of the strike and the other to Forest, Germany, Jan. 7, 1840. His fathpay the expenses of the government er originally was a wealthy cattle dealer, -ownership campaign. He asks that trade unionists in general and telegraphers in particular begin at once to The father was an exile until the son maise \$2,000,000 for these purposes.

by the calling out of leased wire op. ris, who, when he landed in Philadelphia erators in many brokers' offices, and it penniless was 11 years old. was expected that the cable operators would also join. On the othe hand, the telegraph companies claimed to be taking care of all business offered, and say that the strike is a closed incident Chicago. Here he went to work in the :So far as they are concerned. Wash- old stockyards. Five dollars a month Ington heard that Commissioner Neill was his salary the first year, increased was about to submit a report regarding the telegraph strike to the President. The strikers charge that the companies are taking most of their business subject to delay, and that the dispatches, instead of being put on the wires, are at first he killed and dressed his own sent by messengers in suit cases from cattle. He slept on the slaughter house one city to another, to be copied and floor at night in order to be on hand early delivered by local messengers.

. It is said that a bill is to be introduced at the coming session by Congressman Samuel Smith, of Michigan, which will authorize postal telegraph systems operated by the Post Office Department.

Congressman Smith says: "We prowide for carrying the mails by the plied the army of the West with beef. swiftest known method, steam, electric railways and pneumatic tubes. Why deny the right to the use of the telegraph? We carry the mails at a loss. Why not use the telegraph not only as a convenience and blessing to all our people, but to help wipe out the anmuai postal deficit? Who doubts that the telegraph is an essential part of an .efficient postal service?"

The constitutional right to establish a postal telegraph system is unquestioned. The government started out by be minor or transient or self-limiting or owning the telegraph system. In 1845 curable," thus taking direct issue with the government had built a telegraph President Roosevelt's well-known idea as

NELSON MORRIS DIES.

Pioneer Chicago Packer and Millionaire Passes Away.

Nelson Morris, pioneer Chicago packer and multimillionaire, died Tuesday. Nolson Morris was the third member of the famous "big four" packers. Philip D. Armour and Gustavus F. Swift preceded him to the grave, and Michael Codahy is the only survivor of the city's ploneers heart, with a kidney complication, which

had its origin some time ago. Nelson Morris was born in the Black but he became reduced to poverty after joining the revolutionary movement to unite the Black Forest to Switzerland. paid his ransom twenty years ago. Carl The strike was further strengthened | Schurz was a fellow exile of young Mor-

The young man walked to New York. where he hired out to haul charcoal in Lakeville, Conn., for \$5 a month and board. Later he worked his way on a canalboat to Buffalo, thence walking to to \$40 the second year. All he saved from his earnings he sent to his relatives across the ocean. He began to buy hogs when he was 15, making enough to start himself in the cattle business a year later. The packer used to tell how in the morning with his beef and perk.

His first financial reverse came when he was 18 years old. When he was 25 years old Morris suffered another reverse. He indersed papers for creditors who went back on him. Within a year, however,

he had recovered from his loss. He started his packing house in 1862 and during the latter part of the war sup-Mr. Morris was the first to export live cattle from this country to Europe. He received the first contract ever given to supply a government with beef. He obtained important and profitable contracts with France, England and Germany.

Restricted Birth Rate Desirable. Prof. Edward A. Ross, head of the Sociology Department of the University of Wisconsin, in a lecture to the students, said that "restriction in the birth rate is a movement which at the bottom is salutary, and the evils in its train appear to

scratch."-Life.

A kind old gentleman, seeing a small boy who was carrying a lot of newspapers under his arm, said: "Don't all those papers make you tired, my boy?" "Naw; I don't read 'em," replied the lad .- Canadian Courier.

"But to my mind," said the clerical speakable."—Philadelphia Press.

von Spieler (hired for the occasion) - tle neuralgia that's kept me in agony I blay aggompaniments zometimes. "Ac for the last few days and it's just companiments to singing?" "Aggom- coming on again. That's all." paniments to gonversations."-Tattler. "Well, well," said the good-natured

I believe.-Yonkers Statesman.

vice."-Philadelphia Press.

passenger with the big diamond stud, you may be doing business on a car-"people should eat nothing but cold load basis again in a month or two." food and drink the coldest water ob. "There wouldn't be much in it if it would be far better if the two sets tainable." "Ah!" exclaimed the rail- we were," said the lugubrious indi- were kept going the entire week on alway detective, "you are evidently a doc- vidual. "Competition's too keen. It's ternate days. With the bi-weekly tor?" "Not me," replied the o. p. "I'm cutthroat, by jinks! But we've got to change, the clothes worn during the an ice dealer."—Chicago News.

is the other man who used to be here as keeper? Park Gatekeeper-He's of mine." dead, sir, Parson (with feeling) - Dead! Poor fellow! Joined the great majori- mighty well if he does pay expenses," William W. Prosser, St. Louis, city ty, eh? Park Gatekeeper-Oh. I wouldn't like to say that, sir. He was a good enough man, as far as I know.

-Punch. The Book and Its Contents. "Gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Schop-

"Never mind, dear," replied her hus-A foreign government, supposed to be band. "I'll get you another pocketbook Russia, says the London Chronicle has and you can easily collect more dress goods samples."-Philadelphia Press.

When the visiting team wins, about Nelson Morris, the Chicago packer, has all the credit it gets is a reputation for being lucky.

isn't much grace in the modern dance.

If you have anything to say to a mule, say it to his face. - Chicago

Daily News Anthropology Instructor-What effect has the climate on the Eskimo? Student-Cold feet .- Harvard Lampoon.

Officer-Seen anything of my baggage, sentry? Sentry-She's waitin' round the corner for ye, sir!-Regl-

"Did I tell you the story of the old church bell?" "No. Let's hear vit." "Sorry, but it can be tolled only on Sunday."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He-So they got married and went off in their new motor car. She-And where did they spend their honeymoon? He-In the hospital.-London Tit-Bits.

Foote Lighte-Has your sister a strong part in the new piece? Miss Sue Brette-Why, yes; she has to carry around one of those heavy spears !-Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Kelly-"Tis another of thim soovyneer post cyards from me darter Maggie-the foorth this month, begorry! She sinds me wan every toime she changes her place.-Puck. Anxious Mother-I hope you are not

thinking of marrying young Clarkson. He epends every cent he earns. Pretty Daughter-Oh, well, he doesn't earn very much.-Chicago Daily News. "Do you ever talk back to your

wife?" asked the solicitous friend. "Sometimes," answered Mr. Meekton; "a very little; just to show her that I have not gone to sleep."-Chicago Daily

Tommy-Does it make any difference If baby takes all his medicine at once? Baby's Mother (in horror)-Good heavens! Of course it does! Tommy-But it hasn't made any difference .-Punch.

Mrs. Wickwire-If you go first, you will wait for me on the other shore, won't you, dear? Mr. Wickwire-I suppose so. I never went anywhere yet without having to wait for you.-Illustrated Bits.

"Any accident in your motor trip through Italy and France, Morgan?" "Nothing worth mentioning. My wife was thrown out and bruised a bit, but the machine never got so much as a

"So Jack's been made secretary and treasurer of the company, has he?" "Yes. He has to copy all the letters, and take all the deposits to the bank, and, oh, Mary, I'm so proud of him." -Harper's Bazaar.

Church-I like to see a man who can torget an injury, Gotham-Well, there's that neighbor of mine; he's suing the railroad company for an injured leg, and every once in a while he forgets to limp!-Yonkers Statesman.

tourist from the East, "a plurality of wives is unspeakable." "Huh," snorteven heard of one wife that was un- fildn't have a dollar or a friend on

with his head in the air, snifling with encourage it by looking dismal, any his nose? Gotham-Yes; I know him, way. It may pass off. I thought when Church-I suppose he believes in taking I saw you that something had been in the good, pure ozone? Gotham-No; going, wrong with your business." he's hunting for an automobile garage, "Something's been going wrong

er night," said the first burglar, dis- dickens. Where we sold a carload gustedly, "and the lawyer was there about ten years ago we aren't selling with a gun all ready for me. He ad- a couple of crates today." vised me ter git out." "You got off "You save on freight then, don't easy," replied the other. "Not much I you?" said the good-natured man. didn't! He charged me \$25 for de ad- locularly. "I guess you're making 't

pen, "I've lost my pocketbook."



# EDITORIALS

OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

THE END OF THE LOTTERY.

EATH-beds are not usually places for rejoicing, nor it is often that the old rule about speaking noting but good of the dead may be broken. A recent scene in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama gave a fitting opportunity for making exception to both these

rules. It was the death-bed of the old Louisiana Lottery, and the decedent is believed to have left no heirs, few mourners, and a memory that it is most charitable to

The end came through the acceptance of a plea of gullty offered by thirty-seven defendants, from several different States, to the charge of conspiring to cause the interstate carriage of lottery advertising.

This is the culmination of a legal fight which the government has carried on for forty years, and a moral fight which the American people have carried on for a much longer time. The mails were closed to lotteries in 1866. The companies turned at once to transportation by express, and it was not until 1895 that a law was secured which forbade interstate transportation of lottery tickets or advertisements. This drove the Louisiana company from the United States to Honduras, and caused e change in its name. The constitutionality of the law was at once attacked, and was fought through the courts until 1966, when the Supreme Court decided against the lottery company.

Since then the business of distributing tickets and advertisements has been by messenger, but agents of the government were able to present so strong case of conspiracy to use the express companies, too, that the recent conviction resulted.

The lottery, then, is dead. Let us hope that it will stay dead. It was conceived in the falsehood that a few should profit at the expense of the many. It robbed the widew and the orphan, and fattened on the workman's slender wages. It bred false hopes, broke down self-reliance and steadiness of character, and furnished a convenient cloak for dishonesty.—Youth's Companion.

# ADVISING THE GRADUATES.



HE baccalaureate addresses to college gradvates were attuced to one key-that the young men going forth to battle in the world should find it imperative to take part in and elevate the standards of political life. There is too much laxity in office-holding; there is some dishonesty, and there is too

much indifference among the people. From these causes scandals arise which are a reproach to our system of government, and which are costly to those levied upon for its support.

The youths who have devoted four years to acquiring a classical education have by this very training fitted themselves to become leaders in the parties to which they elect themselves. They can be of marked service in making these agencies serve the people—what they

were called into being for-instead of being perverted to base ends to become the tool of selfish politicians in advancing personal interests and thereby preying upon the

The university or college graduate knows that honesty in politics is quite as necessary as in the other walks of life. The dead-beat is here as he is in trade. To get a living without paying for it, which means possessing a sinecure, is the role of the worthless hanger-on in polities. His presence is proof that graft holds a strong hand in the game and that the taxpayers are being fleeced by dishonest guardians of the public funds.

To drive out these cormorants ought to appeal to the well-educated man leaving his books to make a record before men. By voice and pen he can aid in the overthrow of conscienceless officials. It is a noble work to engage in. To do good in the community ought to be the aim of every man and woman. In the sterner field of politics there is need for all the watchfulness and energy possible

to prevent incompetent and dishonest office-holding. After finding a place in the community where he can be assured of an honorable living, the next step in the career of the educated man is to dedicate himself to the cause of the people and see to it that, as far as his influence extends, the taxpayers are not imposed upon by officials intent solely upon their own enrichment.-Utica Globe.

## SAFETY IN RAILWAY TRAVEL.



HE National Union of Railway Trackmen has filed complaints before the railroad commissioners of various States in regard to dangerous conditions the trackmen sometimes contend with. This question has recently become more urgent on account of the serious increase in railroad fatalities.

In the last three months of 1906 there were in the United States, according to reports published by the Interstate Commission, 1,739 derailments, with a list of 146 persons killed and 1,517 injured. Recently the average of derailments and casualties has been far beyond the former figures. In four years the derailments and tragic list have grown beyond the expansion of railroad systems and the population. Proportionately, there are more accidents and greater resulting damage to life and property.

It is represented by the trackmen that in some cases the rails and roadbeds are defective, and that the force maintained to watch and repair them is insufficient. They state that more rails are broken on account of improper support by ties than by faulty manufacture in the steel mills. It is further claimed that the patrol of tracks by day and night is not enforced as thoroughly as in former years, and that government or State inspection of tracks has become a necessity. As the trackmen are in close touch with roadbeds physically, their statement. it may be assumed, will be carefuly weighed by railroad officials, who desire, as much as any class, that tracks. and all branches of the service, shall be safe and efficient. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

earth. What's the matter with you?"

Young Lady-You are a wonderful, "Oh, nothing much," replied the lumaster of the piano, I hear. Professor gubrious individual. "I've got a lit-

Waiter-Mr. Brown's left his umbrel- man, sympathetically, "Too bad! Inla again, sir. I do believe he'd leave termittent, eh? It's a good thing it his head if it were loose. Robinson- isn't troubling you all the time. That take her baggage when he called." I dare say you're right. I heard him would be even worse, eh? Ducky it say only yesterday he was going to Isn't toothache, too. I generally find Switzerland for his lungs.—Ally Sloper. that neuralgia yields to treatment, but Church-See that man going along there's no cure for toothache. Don't

with it for a time," said the lugu-"I cracked a lawyer's house the oth- brious individual. "It's going to the

but a little worse than it is. But you "In the summer," remarked the obese know what goes up comes down and of underclothing a week, says the

meet it if we don't make expenses. day are aired only for seven or eight Parson (on a bicycling trip)-Where Talk about competition being the life hours in the twenty-four and never

> said the good-natured man. "I know two or three aren't doing that and Wicks has gone into the hands of a receiver. How'd you like that? I in a dark closet. ruess you'd have some excuse for kicking if you had got into that shape. Brace up, old man. Sell your crates and be thankful. How's your fam-

"Wife's sick," replied the lugubrious individual. She's been threatened with nervous prostration for the last year and she's killing herself now nursing our little girl through the whooping cough."

"There's scarlet fever in our neigh-Every old timer will tell you there borhood," said the good-natured man. "You're fortunate that the little one

"Cheer up," advised the good-| doctor this morning and he told me of isn't pleasant, I know, but it's something all children have some time."

dividual. "Didn't give us a word of shot or caught with birdlime. warning. Packed her trunk and then came downstairs with her hat and jacket on and said that her family fenders, swarms of them darken the wanted her back and would we please air and settle down on the fields and pay her wages and let the expressman in the orchard. The statement made

"We had a girl played us a worse of fruit. trick than that," said the good-natured

"Then don't tell me about it," snapped the lugubrious individual. don't want to hear it."

"I didn't mean to be unsympathetic," said the good-natured man. "I have also become extremely numerous was only trying to show you that things might be a great deal worse." "But you don't seem to realize that they might be a darned sight better," said the lugubrious individual. "That's England, and in spite of this their num-

The Hygiene of Underwear.

The average person wearing two sets Youth's Companion, will make the change in the middle of the week, but of business! It's going to be the death have the purifying process of a sunning. With two sets going on alter-"Anybody in your line's doing nate days, one set can be aired two

> What's His Age? "After all, you know," said Dubley,

"a man is only as old as he feels." "Yes?" replied Wise. "How about the fellow who feels like a 2-yearold?" -- Philadelphia Press.

Many a man who hasn't a good horse now will pat his old family horse on the back, and say: "I tell ures. you, this old plug has been a mighty fine horse in his time."

bean't got that. Yes, sir. I met our the same time his heart is captured.

PLAGUE OF BIRDS IN ENGLAND.

Result of Crusade for Protection-Battues of Sparrows and Finches.

The protection of birds in England has reached such a stage that they have become a nulsance and now it is not unlikely that a systematic war will be waged on them. The complaint is not of the game birds, which pay in sport and in the market. It is the little feathered creatures that are bothering the farmers and gardeners.

Of course, the sparrows are the worst. They have grown to millions ed the good-natured Mormon. "I never latured man. "You look as if you three cases he had. Thet's a bad in the southern part of England and thing, scarlet fever. Whooping cough the Kentish farmers have had to organize battues to reduce their numbers, as they were devouring seed and grain and "And our cook has left right in the destroying fruit to a ruinous extent. middle of it," said the lugubrious in- Tens of thousands of them have been

In Herefordshire, just north of London, the bullfinches are the worst ofis that they absolutely denude the trees

Each apple or pear has only a little peck taken from it, but it is thrown to the ground and rendered totally unmarketable. The farmers and fruit raisers here talk of organizing formal hunts to thin out the flocks of birds. Starlings and are badly in need of slaughter, the

country people say. The pigeons are the only birds constantly shot all the year around in what makes me sore."-Chicago Daily ber never seems to diminish. In one farm outside of London the proprietor reports that he shot recently 340 pigeons in a single day.

Farmers and gardeners and fruit growers are proposing to memorialize the government for the establishment of a scientific system to combat the increase of sparrows, finches, starlings, crows and pigeons in the interest of husbandry and horticulture.-New York

# A Wonderful Cataract.

The falls of Iguazu, situate near where Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil meet, form one of the most wondernights and one day, and, if possible, ful cataracts in the world, being greatshould be hung up where they can re er in extent and more varied in characceive the direct rays of the sun for ter than the better known falls of Nisome hours. They should not be kept agara. The first plunge of the Iguazu falls is 210 feet, followed by two others of 100 feet each, while between the two series of falls there are cataracts and rapids covering a vast expanse and surrounding picturesque islands.

> When a woman is superstitious, it doesn't mean anything, but if a man is superstitious it usually means that his business undertakings become fail-

The first step toward a widow's second trip to the matrimonial altar is her Sometimes a man loses his head at announcement that she will never mar-

IT'S COMING TO THIS?

more, costing \$30,000.

Two years later, under a notion of economy, it was turned over to private ownership. Among the public statesmen who protested against this course were Henry Clay and Cave Johnson. Prof. S. F. B. Morse also prophesied the evils of private owner-

Justice Brown, of the United States Supreme Court, has said: "If the government may be safely intrusted with the transmission of our letters and papers, I see no reason why it should not also be intrusted with the transmission of our telegrams, as is almost uni-

versally the case in Europe."

Language of Seagulls Found. John B. Watson, professor of psychology in the University of Chicago, has just returned from the Dry Tortugas Islands, off the lower coast of Florida, where he carried on investigations at the Andrew Carnegie station. He says that he has found that the sea gulls have a language of their own which can be imitated by a human being. He finds that they live in family groups in houses consciously built for their purpose, and he believes that they have politics in their governmental affairs. For several months Prof. Watson has lived in a hut of boughs on these tropical islands, taming the great ocean birds and getting close to them. He thinks that these birds converse with each other by means of the volume, tone

and duration of their vocal sounds.

Board Favors Octupus. ' The Naval Submarine Board, which conducted competitive tests at Newport, has reported unanimously that the Octupus is the superior of the boats tested and the equal of the best now owned by the United States or under contract. The opinion is also expressed that a boat similar to the Octupus, but larger, would be a and gunboats.

The Oregon Trust and Savings bank, Liabilities of \$3,200,000, closed its doors. tracts in the Northwest.

superior naval weapon.

line between Washington and Balti- to race suicide. Prof. Ross says he is "with those who hate famine, war, sabertoothed competition, class antagonism, degradation of the masses, wasting of children, dwarfing of women and cheapening of men," and asks if the time will come when the mother of more than three is "regarded as a public benefactor and placed on the pay roll of the State." Prof. Ross himself is the father of three

COUNTRYS

Free Employment Agencies. The Massachusetts Labor Bulletin, as

digested in American Industries, shows that fifteen States now have free public employment agencies in operation, as follows: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Eleven of these have State systems, with twenty-eight offices in twenty-six cities, and five States have eight municipal offices. The motives advanced to justify these agencies are the belief that State competition would drive unscrupulous private agencies out of business, the need of assisting the unemployed, and the bringing together of laborer and

army of unemployed.

Short News Notes. A girl baby was born to Gov. and Mrs Charles E. Hughes at Albany the other

day, it being their fourth child. passenger agent of the Clover Leaf route. died at Laporte, Ind., while visiting rela-

Three Japanese belonging to a traveling acrobatic troupe have been arrested in Russia with plans of fortifications and other secret military documents in their

awarded to a British firm of shipbuilders

a contract for several battleships, cruisers leased 750,000 acres of grazing land in the Standing Rock reservation, South Da-Portland, with deposits of \$3,200,000 and kota, comprising one of the finest cattle