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veto of Mayor Broatch, Great Scott, has it come to this? Sanator Thurston's maiden efforts

The most unkindest cut of all is that

seem to exhibit something like a leap year vigor about them.

With three such watchdogs as Cadet Taylor, Ike Hascall and Dan Wheeler in the council, honesty, economy and retrenchment are an assured thing. Stick a pin there.

Have the franchised corporations got enough representatives in the city ball? If not, perhaps the next legislature can be induced to create a few more offices and a few more seats in the council for them to fill.

The people of the United States have never made it their business to provoke wars with foreign nations, and they will do wisely to continue to leave the chip-bearing exercise exclusively to other countries.

Where will you place your insurance now? With the thrifty Plattsmouth member of the police commission or the thrifty Plattsmouth councilman-atlarge? You pays your money and you takes your choice.

When all the bills are in and the warrants drawn on the state treasury it will be difficult for the taxpayers of Nebraska to see where the economy came in in purchasing that "second-hand en-Island Soldiers' Home.

gate the subject of penalties imposed by federal judges for contempt of court It will have to empower its committee to sit through the summer recess if it wants every questionable case in recent court annals thoroughly probed.

The State department in the case of the late Mr. Runyon will have a glorious opportunity of proving that an official ambassadorial funeral can be made just as expensive as the most costly senatorial funeral that the people have ever been called upon to pay for.

The unexpected does not always happen. The second bid of the Omaha banks for deposits of-city money are present congress. A measure for the precisely the same as their first bids. free admission of ships of foreign con-Two per cent interest is all they are willing to allow, which goes to show that where combination is possible competition is impossible.

When the city jail shall have been located in the city hall it may be necessary to create a department of entomology. It is rumored that Mayor Broatch foresees this and will not disturb the present officers of the Board of Health until he can pick out a first class man for the new department,

The livery men have cut the funeral rate in two, and yet it is none too low. The necessary expense heretofore incident to a death has been altogether too heavy. A man of ordinary means could not afford to die. Something ought to be done to lessen burial expenses. Here is an opportunity for a reform that would benefit the poorer classes at a time when they need help the most.

A number of Nebraska countles report the repayment of the loans contracted by farmers two years ago for the purpose of securing seed to replace the crops that had been destroyed by the drouth. There is no doubt that the greater part of the contributions which were advanced as loans will be paid back to the contributors. One or two more good crops and the farmers will look back on the crop failure of 1804 as a dim reminiscence.

The so-called Voluntary Relief associaclaim of the railroads that acceptance of in the shape of monthly dues will prevent the recipient from successfully there is a demand for them. bringing suit for indemnification for injuries. A few decisions of this kind country to the necessity of some regulative legislation to control the alleged admission of foreign-built ships, thereby Voluntary Relief associations.

but there is little reason to expect that | built ships. a satisfactory solution of the perplexing question will be found. The chairman of the house committee, Mr. Walker of Massachusetts, has framed a bill the fundamental purpose of which, he explains, is to induce the banks to resume the current redemption of the existing legal tender notes by making their profits larger for so doing. He asserts that under the operation of his bill a very large addition would be made to All business letters and remittances should be addressed to The Bee Publishing Company. Omaha. Drafts, checks and postoffice orders to be made parable to the order of the company. THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY. ible in the public treasuries and also a sure guarantee of the final payment of every dollar of paper money out of the treasury of the United States and a profit to the treasury and banks as well. It purposes to save, he says, \$8,000,000 a year in interest and to make as solid a union of all the banks in the country as could be had in a United States national bank, with all the advantages of such a bank and none of its risks and disadvantages. From these suggestions as to the

character of this measure it will be seen that it is at once unique and comprehensive. After years of effort to put silver dollars in circulation less than 00,000,000 are being used as currency. but Mr. Walker thinks that under the operation of his bill five times that amount would be circulated. Whether such an achievement is desirable or not is a question, but it is highly improbable that the American people could be induced or forced to accept 300,000,000 of silver dollars as a part of the circulating medium. As to inducing the banks to assume the responsibility of redeeming the legal tender notes by making their profits larger for so doing, it is a proposition that will not meet with popular approval, granting that the banks would be willing to accept such responsibility, There is one respect, however, in which the chairman of the house banking and currency committee is sound. He does not believe in legislation for the redemption and retirement of legal tenders, his opinion being that a law for this purpose would not be allowed to stand. Undoubtedly this reflects the practically unanimous sentiment of the house republicans, so that it is entirely safe to say that no consideration will be given to the recommendations of the president and secretary of the treasury regarding legal tender retirement. It is the opinion of some of the ablest

financiers that no very radical changes in our currency system are necessary. Senator Sherman said in his speech on this subject in the senate some time ago that a careful study of the systems of banking, currency and coinage accepted by the principal nations of Europe had convinced him that our system, when cured of a few defects developed by time, would make our money current in commercial circles in every land and clime on equality with the gine as good as new" for the Grand best currency of any other nation. It is undeniable that the country has progressed and prospered under the exwith it. It has stood well the severest tests that could be applied to a finanrial system. In the light of experience, herefore, there is no warrant or reason for any radical change or departure. and all efforts in this direction are likely to be harmful. All that is now required is that the national treasury be provided with ample revenue, and if that be done the currency question may safely be left for future consideration.

AGAINST FREE SHIPS.

The advocates of the passage of bill providing for the admission to American register of foreign built ships will get no encouragement from the struction, which had the approval of the Treasury department and was submitted to the senate committee on comnerce, has been buried by that committee and doubtless will not be heard of again. The bill was drawn by the commissioner of navigation and was in complete accord with the free trade idea. It is understood that all the democrats of the committee voted against recommending the measure, which demonstrates the utter hopelessness of any proposition of this kind, even were congress in democratic control. There are democrats in both the senate and house who represent states where the shipbuilding industry is more or less extensively carried on and these men will ndustry by supporting proposed legislation for the free admission of forno congress during the remaining years

The question of building up our merican producers, who now pay annually of dollars for the carrying of their products to foreign markets. It is necessary to our commercial independence, since under present conditions we are Britain. With an adequate merchant marine of our own the large sum paid position on the part of this government out annually for exporting our products It is not at all probable that a request tions of railway employes designed to would be expended at home, increasing made to Spain to accord belligerent relieve the railroads of liabilities for by that much our national wealth. Our rights to the insurgents would be comdamages from accidents to their em- flag would be seen on every sea and ployes have gotten into the federal in every part of the world, bringing to have a saintary effect in causing courts with disastrous results to the us advantages it is impossible to obmembers of the associations. A recent tain under existing conditions. Every decision by Judge Ricks endorses the practical and patriotic consideration demands that this great nation should benefits for which the employe has paid have its own ships of commerce to transport its products to every land where

But most desirable and important as this is the American people, or a very will soon rouse the railway men of the large majority of them, are not willing to have it accomplished by the free making an enormous business for Eu-

The house banking and currency committee is giving consideration to the ship-building industry. We shall never policy toward the insurgents, It is to currency problem and a measure may have a merchant marine if it depends be expected, of course, that Spain will be reported during the present session, upon the free admission of foreign object to the proposed action by con-

DEVELOP THE BLACK HILLS.

Omaha never made a more profitable investment than it did when it helped to open up the Black Hills country to civilization twenty years ago. The Black Hills have been and still are the best paying field for Omaha jobbers and manufacturers. And yet the vast mineral resources of this region are only partially developed. It is all very well to talk about Cripple Creek and gold strikes in Colorado. The Black Hills today have the largest bodies of gold-bearing ores of any mining regions in the world. While they have already attracted millions of active capital, the opportunities for further investment and development will for years to come be practically inexhaustible. With two railroads connecting Omaha with the beart of the Black Hills by the most direct routes, this city can and should make itself the principal base of supplies for all articles of commerce consumed by its well-to-do and constantly increasing population.

To this end the Commercial club and Manufacturers association should direct their efforts. An excursion or series of excursions into South Dakota and Wyoming should be organized for the extension of Omaha trade and mutual co-operation in the development of the Black Hills region, The people of that section are anxious to make the acquaintance of Omaha business men and will no doubt show appreciation of their efforts by substantial reciprocity. It goes without saying that whatever helps to build up the Black Hills will contribute to the building up of Omaha and the maintenance of its commercial supremacy.

THAT COUNCILMANIC CAUCUS. The object of caucus is to secure conand two were democrats. The republicans were therefore in absolute control and in no danger whitever of having their power wrenched from them plausible excuse for a party caucus on enough to be present at the hearing any subject. Least of all could there granted the delegation of women from be any call or excuse for a caucus in the National Equal Suffrage association.

two council vacancies. Why was this caucus held? Manifestly for no other purpose than to Hascall and Wheeler that he was discharging an obligation imposed by the caucus which he regarded sacred. Since when have things so profane be-

ome so sacred? Will Mr. Taylor or any other republican please tell wherein obligations from the standpoint of true partisanvotes and no more, and one of those ten votes was cast by a democrat The sacred obligation which Taylor was discharging with such a display of conscientious republicanism was an obligation imposed on him by the vote of democrat in the caucus and sealed by the support of a democrat out of the What a monumental farce! Is there any considerable number of republicans who will take any stock in Cadet Taylor's gauzy explanation? If so, they would not see through a hole n a millstone.

ate from the foreign relations committee, relating to the insurrection in Cuba, are temperate in tone and do not contravene any obligation which this government is bound to observe toward Spain as a friendly nation, while at the same time explicitly declaring that should be accorded the rights of belnot strike a damaging blow at that ligerents. The Spanish government must recognize that the terms and spirit of the resolutions and the accompanyeign-built ships. It is safe to say that ing report fully attest the friendly disposition of this government and its deof the present century will enact a free sire to keep well within the limits of its international obligations, but at the same time Spain cannot fail to underchant marine is one of commanding stand that the United States will not importance. It is most essential to the regard with indifference any policy toexpansion of our foreign commerce. It ward the insurgents in violation of the is in the interest of all classes of Amer- principles and laws of warfare recognized among civilized nations. If conto foreign ship owners tens of millions gress shall adopt these resolutions and report, as in all probability it will, it will be a distinct notice to Spain that game at she must conduct the war against the insurgents as if they were accorded more or less at the mercy of European belligerent rights, whether she accords ship owners, principally those of Great them such rights or not, and that failing to do this she may expect interplied with, yet it would be very likely

ropean ship builders to the great detri- the Spanish agovernment to moderate gress, probably advancing the claim that there is no actual war in Cuba, but the intelligent judgment of the civilized world would not support her in this. It is not easy to see how any other nation can reasonably find fault with the position taken by the senate foreign relations committee and there can be no doubt of its approval by the

American people, According to that eminent financier, Councilman Cadet Taylor, the trouble with Omaha is not that it has too great a debt, but that it has been paying its debt off altogether too fast. What a pity Mr. Taylor had not been engaged as financial director of the city of Omaha years ago. We feel sure that no such complaint could have been lodged against us. The municipal debt would not have been paid off either too fast or too slow. In fact, debt-paying would have been indefinitely suspended and the city's business conducted exclusively on tick.

The federal supreme court has found the court of the eastern district of Wisconsin to have jurisdiction over the Northern Pacific railroad, in the hands of receivers. This is new law and it may logically follow that the court of the Nebraska district be given control of all Union Pacific lines and regarded as the court of primary administration. In that event the indirect benefit accruing to Omaha would be great, as the next step would be to regain control of branch lines of the Union Pacific for which separate receivers have been appointed.

The first installment of real business methods in the city hall is the report of Comptroller Westberg showing the condition of the city treasury and the exact location of every dollar in the custody erted action by members of one politi- of the treasurer. If this system of incal party to counteract any effort of an spection and publicity is rigidly adopposing party to dominate a legisla- hered to by the new comptroller from tive body. With two seats unoccupied now on and the books of every officer the council was up to its last meeting who handles public money for the city composed of sixteen members. Four- or school board are accurately audited teen of these members were republicans from month to month, there will be very little danger of keeping another defalcation secret for any length of time.

Senators Gall and Peffer were by combination, intrigue or trickery, only members of the senate committee Under such conditions there could be no on woman suffrage who were gallant which members of the minority party And both these senators see the expirawere given a voice. Such a thing as a tion of their terms fast approaching. It caucus including all parties is unheard- seems as if no senator will venture to of. But such a caucus was held by expose himself to the blandishments of fifteen councilmen for the purpose of the suffrage agitators until he knows agreeing upon candidates to fill the that his time of senatorial usefulness is about completed,

If the law only permitted the present whip in members who were not already incumbent to hold over Senator Blackthe mortgaged chattels of the fran- burn's play would be to prevent the chised corporations. That fact is as Kentucky legislature from making any transparent as the plate glass in a choice of a senator as his successor unstore window. It would, therefore, be less it re-elect him. But as things stand amusing if it were not disgusting to Senator Blackburn will have to make hear Councilman Cadet Taylor, who his exit at the expiration of his term. isting monetary system and that the helped to engineer this mongrel caucus, and if his successor is not by that time declare in explanation of his vote for chosen Kentucky will have to be satisfied fied with being represented in the senate by but a single senator

Ernest Stuht is entitled to the sympathy of his fellow men. Having withstood the fire of ballots in the First ward primaries and discomfited his one of this particular caucus were sacred mies, the council should have accorded his candidacy more considerate treatship? Ten votes were required to elect. ment. He has in years past fought the Mr. Wheeler polled the requisite ten good fight with the machine and machines should not be ungrateful.

Senators cannot say anything regarding to revenue question, the currency question as Monroe doctrine or any other national o nternational question that has not alread been better said by the press. Instead rying to educate the people the senate need to be educated to a sense of the worthless

Peaceful Palaver.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's speech at Bir mingham amounted to a confession that the English nation had come to understand the people of the United States better in the IN BEHALF OF THE CUBANS.

The resolutions reported to the senlast few weeks than it ever had before. And, judging by the tone of his address, English respect for the United States has increased cerrespondingly.

Sovereigns at the Primary.

The fact that in this free country, where very man is a sovereign, some participation is politics is necessary in making up the sum of human happiness, is well illustrated in the District of Columbia, where nobody has the elective franchise. Once in four war exists and that the insurgents years delegates are chosen to the nationa apital is now shaken to its foundations with the preparations for the primary meetings, and not only are there many men who are anxious to be delegates to Chicago, but many others are wearing themselves out to gain brass ornaments in the ward meetings.

The Situation in Cuba.

The great soldier-statesman, who restored the Bourbons to the throne of Spain and has for many years been the chief bulwark of the dynasty, has failed. He has had 115,000 men at his disposal, and spent more than \$60,000,000, and yet has failed, and has been recalled. Who clean can hope to succeed? Certainly no one, on the same lines that Campes followed. If there be a change of policy, and ruthless butchery be resorted to as of old, the experiment will be most dan gerous, probably disastrous. It will be game at which two can play, and which third will scarcely regard with equanimity.

The Country's Defenselessness.

This is the situation of the great American republic. It stands naked to its enemies, if struck, it cannot strike back. If an in-demnity is demanded of any city, New York, for instance, it must pay it or be shelled, and in either case the damage would te greater than the amount necessary to put that city in a condition to repel assault. With this emergency staring it in the face, what is congress doing? What has it done? Sub-stantially nothing. The senate committee on

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are useful vessels for their special purpose but for defense they would be about as useful but even on the lakes the Dominion governnt has lately constructed several vessels or fishery protection and revenue service which are efficient navy auxiliaries by virtue his dawdling, loud-talking, bombastic coneffrontery to talk about enforcing the Monroe

doctrine! THE DEATH PENALTY.

Laxity of Enforcement an Incentive to High Crimes, Louis Globe-Democrat

During the last five years there have been 43,902 homicides in the United States-an average of 7,317 per year. In the same time there have been 723 legal executions and 1,118 lynchings. These figures are interesting and suggestive. They show, to begin with, that murder is a more frequent crime than is generally understood, and that it is increasing to have been upon a still hunt for the noministed of diminishing. In the last year, nation for a long time, and that John C. 10,500 persons were killed, or at the rate of 875 per month, whereas in 1890 the number are his lieutenants. was only 4,290, or less than half as many as in 1895. It is not to be supposed that the people are now twice as bloodthirsty as they were five years ago, or that provocations of murder have been multiplied to that extent. There must be some other reason for this startling proof of the growth of the worst crime in the calendar. It is to be found, unquestionably, in the statistics, which tell how the murderers have been dealt with. Only 1,841 of them in all have paid the death penalty, and only 723 of these—one in sixty f the whole number-have been thus punshed in a regular way and according t There have been more lynchings than legal executions in each one of these five years, and the fact is one of evi-

But there is another point in the matter that is of still more importance as an explaration of this lamentable state of things There is a decided and growing public senti-ment against the death penalty, and it influences the action of courts and juries in murder trials oftener than anything else. Thus in many cases verdicts of acquittal are tious unwillingness to condemn a fellow-man to death. The same juries would readily vote for conviction if some other form of punishment could be inflicted—such as im-prisonment for life, with prohibition of paron except upon future proof of innocence. or for some other legal and sufficient cause. It is useless to pooh-pooh this feeling as a mere morbid prejudice, for it is entertained by some of the best of citizens, who have no sympathy for criminals as such, but who are opposed to capital punishment under any circumstances. They hold that the gallows is a relic of barbarism, and that the taking of human life in the name of the law is inconsistent with modern civilization. We may think what we please about such a sentiment, but it exists everywhere, and its The question is, would it not be better for society, and worse for the criminals, if juries were permitted to return qualified verdicts, and to convict without the ne cessity of affixing the death penalty?

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Sioux City Journal: A session of the legislature costs quite a bit of money. Ar extra session is always to be avoided if pos sible. Nothing but obvious necessity justifies -un eq 11 J1 puy 'juejpedxe 11 slepusi 10 wisely precipitated the party in power always gets the worst of it. For these and many other reasons Iowa republicans will avoid an extra session this year if such a thing

Burlington Hawkeye: Senator Thurston, Nebraska's silver-tongued orator, says: "I rejoice in every new bridge that joins Iowa and Nebraska in closer relation." That's a pretty sentiment, and Iowa people will appre-ciate it. All the senator needs to do now to make us admire him still more is to go to work and do all he can to have the Ne-braska delegation to the national convention cast their votes for Iowa's candidate, Alli-

Sioux City Times: Senator Rowen has a bill before the Iowa legislature proposing changes in the laws relating to news paper libel suits. The change would make it possible for a newspaper publishing a libel wrongs unintentionally committed

THE PRESIDENTIAL BEE.

Richmond Item: A good second wife is etter than a second term as president. Chicago Times-Herald: The Allison boom is not doing any secreting. In fact, the back-pedal movement seems to be one of

Globe-Democrat: Reed will probably have support of New England does not follow that he will be simply a New England candidate. The man who secures the nomination must be large enough to obliterate all sectional lines and spread himself over the whole country.

Albany Argus: Speaker Reed has covered that only one president of the United States was ever elected who were only a mustache, and that the large majority were smooth phayed. Armed with a ragor and flerce determination he has sacrificed a little fringe of hair that used to adorn his upper lip

New York Tribune: Here is a political secret that has been told with bated breath by some Tammany Hall man. Ex-Governor Flower is a candidate for the presidential nomination upon the democratic ticket.

Chicago Chronicle: The supporters of Me-Kinley are making a campaign at the west of greater vigor than that of any other candi-date. McKinley emissaries are in all the leading western cities and at all the centers of political activity. Never before has as active missionary work been performed for any candidate as that now in progress for McKinley's benefit in Indiana, Ill consin, Michigan, Minnesota, the Dakotas, in Nebraska and Kansas.

Chicago Record: Iowa would do much better to cast her winning smiles eastward across the Mississippi river than westward over the Missouri. Nebraska is "engaged," while Illinois, Michigan and a good other states with greater voting strength, both in the convention and at the polls, are "willin'," as was Barkis, to be taken in under the strong arm of lowa's candidate, who will, if elected, have offices galore with this derelletion the lynchings are largely due. But there is another point in the water which to reward the faithful who have offices galore with the convention and at the polls, are "willin'," as was Barkis, to be taken in under the strong arm of lowa's candidate, who will, if elected, have offices galore with which to reward the faithful who have the convention and at the polls, are "willin'," as was Barkis, to be taken in the will be a strong arm of lowa's candidate, who will, if elected, have offices galore with sisted in pulling his chestnuts out of the warm convention ashes. Minnesota and Wisconsin also are "fancy free" and would add solidity to the Allison strength at St. Louis, But Nebraska "is gone" beyond the most bewitching smiles that Iowa politicians can cast in her direction.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Both houses of congress are moderately well protected against attack, having mounted two Cannons, loaded at the muzzle. Pomp Corbett is evidently on the toboggan slide. Having been floored by a physical Tom Thumb, his mouth can scarcely check

his descent. In view of the active interest Secretary Oney takes in the Red Cross work of Clara Barton, it is interesting to note that they are

both natives of Oxford, Mass. Secretary Chamberlain expresses a willing-ness to hold a "palayer" with the adminis-

tration. There is not occasion for it, because the gold is going over without pressure. The name Jameson appears to be hope lessly hoodooed. There is the Boer raider a

prisoner, his namesake in Chicago accused of political crimes, and the commander of the St. Paul with his boat on the beach. The advocates of silver must feel gratiward the white metal by Major McKinley at he recent observance of his silver wedding It is said he smiled on everything that came

John K. Cowen, the new president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, is the son of an Ohio blacksmith, a member of the present congress from Maryland, and is on the morning side of fifty. He has had charge of the legal department of the company since 1872. It is suggested that with the warship Kentucky affoat we may safely bluff the world. By loading the blue grass terror with na-tive ammunition the combined fleets of Europe could be challenged to a liquid duel. such a contest the enemy could not surrender fast enough.

nis way-but he did not say a word.

County Commissioner Samuel States Jefferson, Pa., has a son whom he calls "United." He had him baptized so. The other day he wrote a letter to his son and addressed it "United States, Punxsutawney, Pa.," and the postmaster at Brookville posted it up in a frame outside, labeled: "Held for

The house in which John Quincy Adams was born is to be presented to the Quincy (Mass.) Historical society to be preserved os secure immunity from exemplary damages (ass.) Historical society to be preserved as a colonial mansion of the revolutionary with subject, for nearly all liber suits in which two presidents have lived, and prought against newspaper publishers simply expresent a desire for notoriety or revenge with a similar history.

"Cecil Rhodes," says the Saturday Re-Des Moines Leader: Growing out of the lowness of the legislature to get down to make there is a renewal of the suggestion, is strong with the strength of a coarse, in a quiet way, that an extra session will be needed to complete the business which may not be done at the regular session. The of weaker men into its reservoir. As he was treasury of the state of Iowa is empty, the legislature, when in session, costs the people of Iowa \$1,500 per day, and the interests of and not to be relied upon. He hates women of lowary as well as other controlling ones require that the legislature get through its work in reasonable time. By cutting off useless debate, by having reports of committees promptly made and by avoiding that dillydallying which only manifests weakness, the work may easily be closed up by the second week in April.

Whom no regamments in the campaign, and he has no idea ments to be usef and enemies to be dealt with. Success accentuated his defeats to the point of disease, and made him so irritable, so self-absorbed and so insolent that none but parasites could live with him."

THE RAILROAD LORRY.

Credit Mobiller Methods Finanted at the National Capital.

Washington Correspondence Chicago Post. The Central Pacific lobby is developing into a disgraceful scandal. Every notoriously rec-eguized money influence has been culisted in the effort to produce a favorable impression on congress and secure an extension of the Central Pacific debt to the government. Half of the professional loberists in Wachington are employed, and haunt the capitol corridors and committee rooms by day and the hotel lobbies by night, reciting their little pieces and exerting their alleged influence for the advancement of the Huntington interest. The columns of venal newspapers that circulate in and about Washington are full of editorial endorsements of the debt-extension scheme and fake "specials" illustrative of the position of the solid men of the country on the sition. The effect of this demonstration has been to crouse antagonism instead of making friends, and the Central Pacific mag-nate is steadily being ground. His project on its merits stood well in this congress, but the introduction of brazen methods to "influence" is said to be a fact. The ex-governor is said members is generally regarded as an unpar-to have been upon a still hunt for the nomi-donable offense against good taste and the proprieties.

has there been such a horde of lobbyists in the capitol as can be seen now working for the promotion of the Central Pacific railroad interests. The methods in vogue in the olden days of lobby rule have been openly and ostentatiously revived. Mr. Huntington is here in person, but the management of the lobby is not in his hands. In fact, many of his friends contend that he does not know anything about the operations of the "third house" in behalf of his railroad. He is in Washington, he says to see that the exten-Pacific railroad committee now hearing arguments on the subject. That attended to, be will return to New York. Meanwhile, the lobby agencies are active, and gentlemen with alleged "pulle" are log-rolling merely for their health, as usual.

BUILT FOR FUN.

Atchison Globe: "Did you fall?" said a man rushing to the rescue of a woman who slipped on the ley pavement this morn-ing. "Oh, no," she said. "I just sat down o see if I could find any four-leaf clovers

Philadelphia Press: Although a girl may be bright enough to know that "kiss" is a noun, she's frequently unable to decline it. Judge: The Fin de Siccle Babe-Hello, baby! I see you. "Well, show yer hand, an' let's see what yer got."

Washington Star: "Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "gits de reppitation ob bein' great leaders, when, ez a matter er fack, dey is jes' bein' shoved forward f'um be-hind."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "I wonder what has become of the old-fashioned father, who used to be always kicking the young man down the stoop in the funny papers?"
"Dunno. Kicked the bucket, I guess."

Cleveland World: Miss Gush-Oh, captain were you ever boarded by a pirate?
Captain Storms—Yes. He charged me #11
a day for a hall room on the fourth floor. New York World: Wool—I sent a quarter yesterday to a man who advertised to tell now to turn a handspring.

Van Pelt—Well? ?

Wool—Told me to get off a cable car backward

Chicago Tribune: "In your great-hearted state," observed the visiting Georgian, "the cry of the needy always meets with prompt Sucker."
"Well, yes," responded the Illinois man, eyeing his guest somewhat sharply, "I believe that is one of our Cracker-istics." Indianapolis Journal: "I see you are advertising State Senator Spuggs, who thinks he has been cured by your medicine, as a man of national reputation," said the captions man. "How can you afford to lie so?" "Well," said the patent medicine maker," he will be of national reputation by the time we get through advertising him."

Cincinnati Enquirer: "What caused all that rioting down in the seventh scheeliar?" asked Satan.
"The regular boarders were trying to mob the new arrival," explained the assistant janitor. "He came sailing in in an airy sort of way and wanted to know if there was anyone who would like to play freezeout."

AN INCORREGIBLE CASE.

They say you were not in society's swim, Oh, Benjamin Franklin, for shame! ur family crest was a little too dim To delight a "Colonial Dame." You couldn't have rolled up those trousers so short When London was spattered with dew; And you kept on your hat when presented

at court— Hence, Benjamin Franklin; go to! And even if now you were given a chance Would you do the right thing and array Yourself as you should; send a monocled glance Over a mountainous mass of bouquet? Nay, nay; such reform 'twere too much to

expect.
We know very well what you'd do.
'Midst your books you would smile, though
citilions were wrecked—
Hence, Benjamin Franklin; go to! They say that in letters you did a great work;

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That proverbs and such things you peaned;
That duty's command you were ne'er known to shirk;
That you ranked as humanity's friend.
But never a writer of history quotes
You as author of fine billet doux;
And your paper contained no "Society Notes"—
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Solid Silverware and Cut Glass.

Tomorrow—

Parties desiring special pieces can make their selections during the day. The store is open for this purpose at 11 o'clock every morning-and goods thus selected will be put up at auction at 2 p. m. or 7:30 p. m -as desired-Solid Silverware and Cut Glassware will be the order for Thursday,

Friday-will be Diamond Day-at which time also will be offered a Patek Philippe; 15-minute repeating watch-the most expensive now on exhibition.

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