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THE BEE ON TRAINS.

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The Missouri river has been only a trifle jenlous of the attention that the Mississippi had been attracting.

INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Police Judge S. L. Gordon has been renominated on the republican city ticket and will be re-elected by an increased majority.

It is hoped that the air ship will soon allow itself to be photographed by Omaha cameras, just to show the Chicago people what the thing looks like.

South Africa wants it distinctly understood that if it comes to a pinch it may possibly be prevailed on to furnish a war sensation over the Trans-

If all Greece and Turkey need, in order to settle their differences amicably, is to be let alone, the concert of tariff is not to be defeated-its constitu-

of forming a bond of amity between ported under the present tariff, pro two great English speaking nations, bid fair to set the seal of failure upon parties before the new bill becomes law. the arbitration treaty.

and reverence for his political principles" inspires thankfulness that the sonal idolatry."

Saturday, April 17, is the only day for correcting the registration lists. If you did not register last year or have changed your residence since last election be sure to appear before the registrars on Saturday.

association of the work of the Exposition Bureau of Fine Arts is a sufficient guaranty that this department of the great fair will equal any other in completeness and variety.

It is only fair to the legislature that the embalming bill failed to become law, but was scrupulously embalmed along with dozens of other measures, some better and some worse.

That senatorial pool evidently had no special wire connection with the Kansas state legislature or it would have known what a pudding the school book trust was and would have worked the school book lead harder and more successfully.

The pay of a state senator is \$5 per day, and the constitution prohibits any senator from receiving any additional compensation. Is it not a fact that Ransom drew \$10 per day from the state treasury for each day the senate was in session?

It may be put down as an incontro vertible fact that the legislature appro priated as much money for the coming biennium as will come into the treasury during the same period. There is no danger of any unwieldy surplus accumulating on the treasurer's hands.

George W. Mercer, republican candidate for the council from the Ninth ward, was born and raised in Omaha respect. Councilman Mercer had but begun his second term in the council when legislated out by the Howell charter and should have an opportunity to continue to represent his constituents for another

The champion bruiser of the world announces through his manager that he will be ready to go in the ring again as soon as a new contestant appears with enough prize money to make the invitation tempting. The public will in time be convinced that the pugilists look at pugitism solely as a business and that there is nothing else in it for them but the chance to gather i.. the hard money of the credulous crowd.

Whoever will carefully study the conditions in this country must find good the chief elements to give success to industrial advancement. "We have general confidence throughout business cirindustries; we have established credit; we have a protective tariff policy assured, and there is no reason why there employment of the idle capital of the

country in channels which would give increased demands for labor and greatly that the latter currency is not elastic, quicken our movement toward substantial prosperity," Of course there is some uncertainty regarding the tariff. The enactment of safety in the hands of the people and it a new law is very probable, though not absolutely assured, and then its character is yet to be determined. The senate finance committee is working industriously on the tariff bill, but it is encountering difficulties. Undoubtedly the measure that will be reported to the senate will materially modify the house bill. This situation is probably operating to deter investment in productive treasury holds over \$150,000,000 in gold enterprises, though it is certain that if and the store is steadily growing. With a new tariff law is enacted it will be more protective than the present one. That being assured there would seem the so-called menace of the legal tender to be little risk in enlarging industrial operations. To what extent if at all. the agitation for so-called currency re form is unfavorable to business recovery

it is impossible to determine, but it can confidently be said that it is not helpful. But notwithstanding some drawbacks, it is true that we have the chief elements to give success to industrial adin a more rapid improvement in the near future. There is an abundant supply of cheap money for every legitimate use and it will not be much longer kept out of legitimate enterprises.

THE RETROACTIVE PROVISION. It seems probable that the provision in the new tariff bill making the duties it shall carry, in the event of its becoming a law, retroactive, may be found troublesome. The secretary of the treasury having issued an order to customs officials intended to carry out this provision, claiming that he had authority of law for so doing, a resolution was introduced in the senate declaring that the order was without authority of law and in violation of the statutes and customs regulations governing the payment of import duties. This resolution was referred to the finance committee by a vote of 24 to 23, which is perhaps to be regarded as a favorable indication for the passage of a tariff bill. It seems entirely clear, however, that the declaration of the resolution is correct, the retroactive section of the tariff bill being no more the law than any other feature

With regard to this provision, which is intended to check importations-a proper object if the purpose of the new Europe might advantageously tune itself | tionality as well as its practicability is questioned. There is high authority for the opinion that importers will be com-The Bering sea seal fisheries, instead pletely free from liability for goods imvided they sell or assign them to other and that it is the purchaser of imported goods who alone could, by any possibil-The spectacle of William J. Bryan ity, incur any liability. If this view is toasting Thomas Jefferson "from regard correct, it is obvious that the retroactive section will be found impracticable, so far as any liability is concerned. thing was not done "in the spirit of per- However judicious in purpose, therefore, this provision may be found of no practical value.

CURRENCY REFORM AGITATION. The able financial writer of the New York Sun says that the clamor for cur rency reform proceeds, in that part of the country, almost exclusively from bank officers and stockholders. The The undertaking by the Western Art banking business has not been profitable for several years, owing to the low rate of interest in safe loans and the losses upon those of the other kind. "Hence," says this writer, "the owners of bank stock look upon our \$800,000,000 of government money, of one kind or another, very much as starved wolves the public be apprised of the fact that might look upon a flock of sheep just out of their reach. If they could only destroy this \$800,000,000 of government money and put in its place \$800,000,000 of their own currency, costing them nothing but the cost of paper and printing and secured by nothing but their own assets, they could, by lending it out get from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year for the use of it. In return for this privilege they generously offer to relieve the government from the duty of maintaining gold payments, keeping out of sight the fact that four times since 1881 they have suspended payment even in legal tenders and that most of them would suspend gold payments just as soon as there was any large demand for the metal." Allied with the banks in urging this kind of currency reform are borrowers at the south and the west, who fancy that with a more liberal issue of bank notes they would get easily and cheaply the accommodations which they now get only upon onerous terms and which

often they cannot get at all. It is only necessary that there shall be a clear understanding of the source of the demand for retiring and canceling the government and is identified with Omaha in every paper currency in order to greatly strengthen popular sentiment against a policy. A plan which contemplates giving the banks a monopoly of the paper currency of the country and which would enable the banks of the financial centers, by combination, to regulate the volume of such currency as their interests should dictate, it is very safe to say will never be approved by a majority of the people.

banks with a capital of \$25,000 in towns citizens have such a vital interest would whose population does not exceed 4,000, would enable every locality where the reasons for industrial and business im- business conditions are such as to war- discreet for Senators Howell and Ranprovement. This is taking place, but it rant the establishment of a bank to obought to soon become more active. As thin needed banking facilities and a bet- ent campaign? to keep their legislative pose of adding new names and correcting the Philadelphia Times says, we have ter supply of currency. These localities records as much in the background as the addresses of voters who have changed would be more certain to be benefited in this way than by the proposed plan of destroying the government paper curcles in the stability of our productive rency and giving a monopoly of paper

money to the banks. The legal tender notes cost the people very little-much less, undoubtedly, should not be an early and very large than they would have to pay for an equal amount of bank notes to take the place of the legal tenders. It is true it does not contract or expand according to the conditions of business, but it has the supreme quality of absolute cannot be manipulated in the interest of speculators, or of those who are interested in controlling the volume of the currency. Nor is there any reason for apprehension respecting its continued safety. The legal tender notes are not now causing the treasury any trouble and the possibility that they may again do so is at least remote. The a tariff law that will bring the revenues of the treasury up to the expenditures notes will wholly pass away.

> TURN THE SEARCHLIGHT ON. The fool friends of Edward E. Howell want the searchlight turned upon the city hall. We vote that they be

promptly accommodated.

Howell was a member of the council for four years. When that searchlight cancement and this should show itself is turned on his record in the city council the people whom he is now trying to make believe that he is for municipal ownership will want to know why he voted in favor of the 50-year gas franchise job which, if successful, would have put more than \$1,000,000 into the pockets of the gas trust, W. S. Poppleton, who is now making speeches for Howell, had to get out an injunction to prevent Howell and the other jobbers from overriding the mayor's veto of this

gigantic steal. When that searchlight is turned on. a pliant tool of Solon L. Wiley, the head ell not only voted for all Wiley's disputed electric lighting bills, but played into his hands at every turn. When the question was before the council to submit to the voters a proposition to vote bonds for the construction of a city electric lighting plant, Howell recorded himself against it. When the city electrician made himself obnoxious to Wiley by showing up the fraud upon the city in the shape of deficient candlepower of the arc lights, Howell was one of the most active lieutenants of Wiley in legislating this man out of office and foisting upon the city the man whom Wiley had picked out for

his city electrician. in ordinance passed to make it impossible for competitors to come into Omaha, Howell's vote was at the dis posal of the telephone monopoly. When the proposition was before the council for the city to build its own wire conduits and subways, Howell voted against it. And yet he has the audacity to pose before the people as an honesi advocate of municipal ownership.

By all means turn the searchlight on got to be president of the city council. litigants. When Howell was elected president of the council that body was made up of nine republicans, eight democrats and one populist. When the vote was taken Howell received ten votes and thereby hangs a tale. According to Howell, the tenth man had \$300 in one pocket and \$200 in the other, the \$300 representing a contractor interested in Mr. Howell's election. It is easy to explain among gamblers how \$300 beats \$200, but it erally. will require the searchlight of the World-Herald turned on with full 2,000-Wiley-candle-power to enlighten the cople of Omaha as to why any contractor should consider Howell's election as president of the council worth \$300

By all means turn the searchlight on And while it is being turned on, don't forget to turn it upon the garbage contract and the deals by which Howeli made himself solid with the water high protection project is already law. It works for re-election as councilman. Last, but not least, while the search light is on let it be turned upon that dark chamber in which Howell was

HOWELL'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD. Edward E. Howell has made his record in the legislature an issue in this campaign. If he is judged by that record he should now suffer overwhelming de

Elected for the purpose of represent ing the interests of Omaha and securing prompt and favorable action on the exposition bill, he made the exposition bill foot ball for his political aspirations and worked almost exclusively for his personal interests. The passage of the Howell-Ransom charter dominated and controlled his every action. The legislat ing out of office of the present city offi cials, the spring election and the increase of the powers and salary of the mayor were to Howell more important than the success of the exposition or the furnishing of immediate employment to idle men. He evidently considered any means necessary to accomplish his selfish purposes as entirely justinable. To make certain his schemes he voted to unsent Senator Evans, whose sole pur-So far as portions of the west and south pose in desiring to hold the office to are concerned there is certainly an which he had been elected was to secure urgent demand for a better supply of a prompt and liberal appropriation for currency, but this can be provided with the exposition. Had this been done out any reference to the government liberal appropriations in other states to know that we have such a load on a paper. The measure that passed the would have been secured and work on nation noted for beligerency as he afforded

To place R Wildly, it would at least be som in discussing the issues of the pres-

If President McKinley decides to revoke the ofder given under his predecessor, consolidating the western pension agencies, as is said on good author- ister on Saturday. ity to be probable, Omaha ought again to press its claims for the agency for the district in which it is situated. The consolidation and removal of the western pension business to St. Louis was on the part of Secretary of the Interior Francis designed to strengthen him in the estimation of the people of his home town and had no basis in economy or public policy. When the redistribution of the agencies takes place there is no should not be successfully represented.

Sewall who divided the vice presilate fusion national ticket has been heard from long enough to say that the issue of 1900 cannot be definitely forecasted at the present time the interpretation put by Bryan on the recent municipal elections to the contrary notwithstanding. It looks as if the three members of the tri-angular ticket have now drifted so far apart that like Humpty Dumpty nothing can put them together again.

The supreme court has held that a state law authorizing the authorities to levy on the safes and time locks of banks for delinquent taxes is not unconstitutional. But no court has ever endorsed the action of certain Omaha attorneys who levied on the motormen's cranks at the busiest hour of street railway traffic in execution of a judgment for the sole purpose of creating the greatest possible annoyance and loss to both public and street railway company.

Senator John H. Evans had a clear majority of 1,119 votes over John Jeffout last fall. The senate committee on privileges and elections, made up of four fusionists and one republican, spent two the people whom Howell has imposed or three weeks in studying the evidence on so often will see that during his in the contest case and then unaniterm in the council Howell was always mously reported that Mr. Evans was catitled to his seat. And yet Howell and front of the corporation combine voted to throw Evans out because he that ruled the council for years. How thought he needed a vote for his char-

In his lefter to John Kemmerling Candidate Howell declared that he spent \$675 to secure his election to the legislature. He furthermore assured Kemmerling that he could not trust him for a ton of coal because he was "dead broke." During the session of the legislature he occupied quarters at the Lincoln hotel and spent double the amount of his salary as senator. Who made up the deficiency?

D. T. Mount, during his brief career in the present council as member from the Seventh ward, has demonstrated qualifications that make a reliable and When the telephone company wanted competent public officer. His renominaion by the republicans was a merited compliment, and his re-election by the citizens of Omaha will be recognition of his worth.

The enormous cost of maintaining municipal court which has been foisted on the people of the city of Omaha by Ed E. Howell and his associates does not make the burden less grievous to be borne because his the city hall and show how Mr. Howell principal part is collected as fees from

> The Wicked Thrive. Chicago Tribune

Weyler sets a good example to Cuban genrals in one particular. He is never reckless n exposing himself to the danger of being

Viewing Higher Levels.

These reports of mysterious flying ships show the people there are looking up, whatbe the case with things genever may

In the revolt of Greece against Turkey in 1821 the first shots were fired by small band of Greek soldiers who coul not be restrained. The long war that followed gave Greece independence.

News that is New.

So the American tariff bill has passed They get through their legislative business preity sharply on the other side of the Atlantic. It was only the other day that Mr. McKinley entered the white house, and his came into operation with much appropriate ness on April 1.

Fickle National Friendships.

Kansas City Star. The Russians have decided that the French initiated by Judge Scott into the mysteries of the A. P. A. order, which he is trying publicly to repudiate while privately working for its support.

The fusion solution is the rescaled that the related that the relation is a supported to the fusion solution in the liston solution and for them in the international alliance. The Frenchmen of Napoleon's time reached the same conclusion selves in the eyes of God and man, have gene in the place of them, perjuring them over the property of the matter today if a test of Russian friendship should be made. With all the Russian's Russian's seeming stability of character and fixedness of purpose the can turn against a friendly nation quite as quickly as any other

Possibility of a Pacific Row.

It is possible that a conflict between the United States and Japan will arise over affairs in the Hawaiian islands. In that event the dalay in annexing those islands will be largely to blame. The United States should have placed its flag over the Hawalian group long age, and if that had been done Japan would not entertain an idea of dictaing concerning The Tommigration policy of the islands. But now that Japan has sent two war ships to Honolulu it may be that trouble will arise requiring the United States to in-

terfere. The Supply House of the World.

Philadelphia Ledger.
That was an interesting discussion in the
British House of Commons over Mr. Seton-Karr's claim about the condition of England's ed supply. It is something to make the Briton nervous to be told, as Mr told him, that, while all leading nations of the other dependent for food upon countries which may become hostile or, if not heatile, may be cut off by a blockade. Sir Charles Dilke, United States. Canada and Australia could senator. feed the mother country, and there is very first, will engage in war with England. It is reassuring, even on this side of the Atlantic. house of the Fifty-fourth congress, pro-the exposition grounds commensurate by its food supply. Britannia cannot afford to quarrel with a caterer so important as the United States.

LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

Under the new charter the registration lists of last year hold good for the coming city election with the exception that registrars will sit next Saturday, April 17, for the purtheir residences since November last. All voters therefore who did not register last year or who have moved from one precinct to another or have moved from place to place within the same precinct should reg

It is intimated that unless Candidate Howell can buy a better brand of cigars he had better stick to beer. Howell sent a box of alleged perfectos up to the Nineteenth street power house of the street railway unquestionably an arbitrary procedure company the other night as a sort of peace offering to the employes. The box was received with due appreciation and the men who were about the house divided them between them. Each lit one and settled down to the poor man's enjoyment. But after a half dozen whiffs one of the men decided that his old pipe was good enough for him good reason why the claims of Omaha and the cigar went into the gutter. The others were not long in coming to the same conclusion. The half-smoked stubs were thrown away and the others were packed dential honors with Tom Watson on the back in the box and sent back to Howell with the information that they could not use them. "I can smoke anything from a corncob pipe to a Mexican storie," said one of the beneficiaries, " but those are a little too dizzy for me."

Every candidate for the council must this year be voted for throughout the entire city. Each voter, therefore, is expected to vote for nine councilmen, one from each ward. No one can legally vote for more than one councilmanic candidate from each ward. The ballot marked for two councilmen from the same ward can not be counted at all for that office and the voter who marks his ballot only for the councilman from his own ward practically loses his vote for the other eight councilmen. Vote for nine councilmen, one from each ward. The easiest way to make sure that your vote for council counts is to put crosses after the names of all the republican candidates.

The Howell charter also disqualifies for appointment to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners every person engaged in selling clears or tobacco in any form. This provision is intended to proclaim to the world that no one who might sell cigars or tobacco to liquor dealers or druggists can be trusted to discharge faithfully the duties devolving on the police board. For this insult every one who sells cigars or tobacco is expected to show his appreciation by voting for Howell.

Sol Prince is the only petition candidate whose name will appear on the official ballot. And a separate municipal election was expected to be a stimulus to petition candidates for all offices on the ticket.

Howell swore before the senate investigating committee that his association with gamblers extended only to leaning them money. There are several gamblers, however, who are ready to swear that their association with Howell has extended to loaning him money and further that they are still waiting for the loans to be renaid.

The 17th day of March last, commonly known as St. Patrick's day, afforded an ineldent that illustrated Senator Howell's penchant for deception and double-dealing, Howell was busily engaged down at Lincoln passing laws and making police commissioners, but not too busy to remember to get out his sprig of green and wear it conspicuously in his button hole. The display was so noticeable that it invited comment. "What, senator, you wearing green today?" exclaimed one of the party that had gathered

"Why, of course," responded Howell. "It's all right for me to wear that down here in Lincoln, though I wouldn't dare wear it up

OMAHA, April 13 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In this morning's World-Herald appears a communication over my name in which it is made to appear that I wished Howell success in this campaign. I wrote a short note to that paper and the editor imposed upon me by adding the line at the close of the letter that I wished Howell success. I do not wish him success in this campaign, for I am for Moores and am supporting him to the full extent of my power, personally and through my paper.

F. L. BARNETT. Editor of the Omaha Progress.

There is no limit now to the number of erms a councilman can serve providing he an secure successive re-elections. By the provisions of the old charter councilmen vere made ineligible to re-election after serving two successive terms.

The man who conscientiously executes the trusts reposed in him by election to public office is seldom taken to task by the organs of his own political party. Yet Howell and Ransom are being branded as traitors even in newspapers that are devoted to the fusion idea. The Papillion Times, edited by Edgar Howard, one of the leading fusionist lights of the state, excoriates them as follows, under the caption, "The

Names of the Traitors:" Every school boy in Nebraska knows that every fusionist new occupying a seat in the Nebraska legislature was chosen with the implied and express understanding that he would favor laws to regulate the public corporations of the state. A great majority of the fusion senators have been faithful to selves in the eyes of God and man, have gone over to the enemy. We do not know that they were bought. We do know that they have rutblessly betrayed the people who elected them. The eight traitors who fell at the feet of Bill Paxton and fought the bill to regulate the stock yards octopus are Ransom of Douglas, Howell of Douglas Fritz of Thurston, Farrell of Merrick, Jeffcoat of Douglas, Muffley of Madison, Feltz of Keith and Johnson of Clay.

These men deserve to be advertised to the world as traitors. It is not pleasant for us to denounce men of our own political faith, but duty demands it.

It is perhaps fortunate that the official records of the state senate will not be open for public perusal for several months. Otherwise Howell might be visibly embarrassed by the discovery that on nearly every im portant measure affecting the interests of the people his vote was never recorded in the affirmative unless the roll call developed the certainty that the measure had carried anyway.

Howell is loud in his assertion that he is not sahamed of his record as a state senator And yet he admits that he was ashamed to introduce the gambling bill. It is also re membered that a bill was taken to Lincoln world are self-supporting, Great Brit-ain "lives from hand to mouth," and is of Omaha should appoint the members of the Board of Education. This bill was also offered to Howell. He was ashamed to in troduce it, but had it introduced by a brothe

Too Smooth for the Sleuths. work and sleepy justice if the managers of the "E. S. Dean company" swindle in New York are not discovered and arrested. It wan one of the boidest yet simplest schemes of robbery ever planned.

HOWILL AND BASSON.

Lincoln Catt. the most impervious to all sentiment. No high instinct, no impulse to be just finds a lodging place in a gambier's mind. With him the cold steel of advantage is plunged ber of the legislature or any the tiger has when it devours the lamb. When it was proposed to unseat Senator

Evans from Omaha for no reason except the rold and implacable hate, the brutal purcoses of a brutal majority, people here at Lincoln who saw and comprehended the raw roposition, looked inquiringly at the other wo senators from Douglas, saying in their will desire to show his people at home that he has in his character some traces of the higher instincts which love fair play. But beets of the finest quality is of first impor-they looked in vain for these higher instincts tance to our farming industry, and the ex-in Senators Ransom and Howell. What did perimental station at Ames can engage in higher instincts which love fair play. But they care for honor, for fair play or for the oaths which they had taken as members of the senate? The one had come to the senate as the agent of corporations, the other as the procurer of gamblers, to prepare the way for them to ply their trade at the coming exposition. Each held in his hand the cold steel of advantage and was ready to plunge it into whomsoever or whatever stood in the way of his purposes.

Fortunately for the state, these two mer have been widely advertised, and they can fool nobody outside of Omaha. If that city ever again puts forward either of these men as its representative in any official capacity, let it take the scourging which it is receiving and will receive from the press of the state, which is the mouthpiece of the people to denounce what they despise.

DESTRUCTIVENESS OF WATER.

Donver News: The disastrous extent o the Mississippi valley flood can be better ap-preclated when it is stated that 15,800 square miles are under water. It is estimated that this area contains 39,500 farms. Nothing like this ever before occurred in the history of the country, and its industrial effects nust be damaging even if the waters recede in time to permit a crop this season.

Philadelphia Press: It has been said that the Mississippi is too big a monster ever to e put in harness; but some day, when the middle southwest shall have begun to grow great engineers as well as great piles etton, our children or our children's children may see the mighty river under sure control. If the Dutch can hold Holland safe from the sea we ought to be able to protect ourselves against one of its tributaries.

Detroit Free Press: The effect of the floods ipon the crops of the present season cannot be determired until the subsidence of the overflow, the damage depending upon the duration of the floods and the practicability these startling statistics the weather bureau adds the prediction of a further extension of the submerged area and a severe test of the strength of the levees in northern Louisiana. After weeks of loss and terror, it would seem as if the river states might be favored with the sight of a dove with an olive branch. Milwaukee Wisconsin: The United States

and are carrying food and giving shelter to the distressed inhabitants of the flooded districts. The calamity is a serious one, but it might be so much worse that the nation has reason to be thankful. A crevasse into New Orleans City would cause a loss of from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. New Orlean lies at least ten feet below the level river, and a city with a population of 250,000 could not be deluged to the depth of eigh or ten feet wi hout producing dire results. Pioneer Press: With the levees and jetties the sediment is either deposited in the shall lows or swept on to the gulf; the channe is preserved and its bottom is not raise is many theorists continually claim. well-preserved channel, the floods pass off with much more rapu can and do infinitely less damage t would were there no levees. The levees do not meet all emergencies, as is plain enough at the present moment, but they make vast fertile regions available for habitation and cultivation, which without them must be permanently abandoned. The journals which enounce the levee system practically advocate such abandonment and also the aban donment of all attempts to preserve the navi-gation of the noblest river in the world.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Those airships are just what they pur-

The powers threaten to outclass Weyler n the matter of ultimatums The success of the proposed airship at the exposition necessarily depends on the abil-ity of the owner to "raise the wind." Ex-Secretary Carlisle is prospering handsomely in the law business that he ieclined a \$10,000 fee recently.

Of course, Thomas Reed and Jeremish Simpson disagreed. This is not the season for harmonious mingling of Tom and Jerry. A marble bust of Frances E. Willard by Lorado Taft is to be presented to the North-western university at Evanston, Ill., by Mrs. J. C. Schaffer of Chicago. Miss Willard is a graduate of the institution, of whom it is very proud.

Ambassador John Hay has sworn off on bicycle riding as well as writing poetry. This is too much. The robust exclamations of joy which greeted his purpose to forego the poetry habit cannot now But giving the wheel the marble heart at the threshold of his diplomatic career indicates an invisible leak in his mental

The Iowa victim of the hard cider habit entinues to mystify the doctors. They think he has built up an incipient vinegar tank in his interior which will require an operation to remove or reduce. But there are simpler remedies than the scalpel. Unless the Iowa article has lost its cunning a few loses of drug store prohibition would melt that tank in a jiffy.

When President McKinley was governor of Ohio his father was still alive. He then signed his name "William McKinley, Jr." After the father died he wished to drop the "jr.," but as he took the oath of office as "William McKinley, jr.," he decided to retain it. When he was governor for a second term his name was signed plain William McKinley. Gradually the letter in "Wm." became almost a straight line, and so he decided that as president he would sign his name "William McKinley."

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

learn that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has retained the former democratic assistant secretary as statistician of the department at the handsome salary of \$4,000 a year. In-deed, the announcement may arouse in the bosoms of the "faithful" other feelings than Missouri Valley News: An editor can't



to the cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

run a good paper any more than a merchant This Precious Pair is Regarded half the time, or a teacher do good work by only occasionally giving his time to his school duties. A live editor always has work It is said that of all men the gambler is to do. Come to the office of such an one, send or leave your orders. He's the one to

give it best attention, Des Moines Capital: The Henderson propsition to make it a crime to give to a into every victim with as little remorse as officer free transportation on a railroad or a book of telegraph franks may not pass. Some of the senators think that it would be a confession that they have been influor by others. One senator remarked that h would vote for this amendment if any sen ator would get up on the floor and say that ie had been improperly influenced by reelving passes.

Dubuque Times: The manufacture of beet two senators from Douglas, saying in their sugar is not an experiment and needs no minds, surely one or the other of these two \$450,000 plant built by the state, to be leased to private persons, to demonstrate its value the agriculturist interests of Iowa. lemonstration that lowa soil will grow sugar less the state proposes to go into paternalism and engage in furnishing capital for the manufacture of all products which are essential to the needs of the people

BRIGHT AND BREEZY.

Philadelphia Record: "Nature knows no istinctions," says the Manayunk Philaso-sher. "The whiskers of the lazy man grow ust, as fast as those of his industrious

Indianapolis Journal: "Do you know, I have half a mind to go out of party politics and become a mugwump?"
"Half a mind?" That is quite sufficient for the purpose."

Harper's Bazar: "Did you hear of the great Lenten sacrifice Ethel Tenspot and Bessie Teeters are making?" asked Rick-"No what is it?" asked Gaskett. "Each is riding the other's whe

Somerville Journal: It has been noticed that the man who occasionally brings home a box of candy "for the children" regularly cats more than half of it himself.

Philadelphia North American: Inventor —I believe I have found the right idea for a successful flying-machine." Friend-Well, why don't you put it to the Inventor-I can't find a capitalist who will raise the necessary wind for me.

Washington Star: "Mrs. Skimmills says that her husband never spoke a hasty word to her in his life," said the lady who gossips.
"That's perfectly true," replied Miss Cay-enne. "The dear man stutters,"

Detroit Free Press: Ricketts-He doesn't look to me like a very strong man. Trotter-Well, I once knew him to lift a \$25,000 mortgage.

Boston Transcript: Mr. mercy's sake, what are the children quar-reling about in the next room?

Mrs. Mann-Their music teacher came in a few minutes ago, and I suppose they are now engaged in the study of harmony.

"My lot is a hard one!" he muttered,
And his face wore a look of despair.
Too true were the words that he uttered
As he stood with his spade in the air.
He had thought to "make garden" right

there.
And his pulses with pleasure had flut-

A HARD LOT.

But he struck solid rock, and "I swea My lot is a hard one!" he muttered. ne struck solid rock, and "I swear A LITTLE GARDEN. Boston Globe,

I've got a little garden, A shovel and a spade; Now, prithce, come and help me, My pretty little maid! We'll raise sweet peas, potatoes, And radishes and beans, Cucumbers and red roses, And, O, such early greens!

Behold the hoe and rake here, And all the seeds I've bought! Yet, lacking you, my garden, I know, must come to naught.

You look down at your hands, dear

You've but to bring the sunshine,
I'll dig and plant and hoe;
You'll smile upon my garden.

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