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### THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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ALL THE NEWS. THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE.

READ IT EASTER DAY.

A gambler in the Moores following is so lonely as to be conspicuous.

Howell doubtless lost a good share of that twenty pounds in the sweatbox of the gambling bill investigation.

The Easter bonnet is in hard luck when it is compelled to share public attention with politics and politicians.

With both Bryan and the legislature gone Lincoln will have to devise some new attraction to draw public attention

That denial over Howell's own signa ture that he is or was an A. P. A. has not yet been forthcoming. Dare Howell deny it?

For a "drouth-stricken" state Ne braska is keeping bravely up with other western communities in the matter of moisture.

And still nobody turns on the search light, and there are now only six columns left on that editorial page-just enough to last until after election.

It is the duty of every patriotic citizen to register and vote at the city election. Saturday, April 17, is the only registration day. Tuesday, April 20, is election

Let us see now whether the new Nebraska anti-trust law will be enforced has been on the statute books for years If it is true as charged that a certain

policy shop is the only gambling house now running in Omaha, it would be instructive to learn when the others Howell claims that he never stole a

dollar, but he stands convicted of having assisted a successful conspiracy to rob thousands of citizens of the fruit of their

Considering the source from which the municipal court bill sprang, and the nature of its main support in the senate, can anybody form a remote conception as to who will be the new judges?

The exposition, though apparently swallowed up temporarily by flood news and buried under an avalanche of polities, is making excellent headway, as the parade next week will fully demonstrate.

The list of offices at the disposal of the president is slowly but surely becoming smaller as appointments are made from day to day, but the pressure of the placehunters is not becoming noticeably

What is the matter with Chicago charitable millionaires that a few of them do not join together and come to the front with at least temporary assistance to the unfortunate University issue a threatening aspect, for no conof Illinois?

Because a few defaulters affillated with a certain political party have gone thus far unwhipped of justice is no reason why would-be plunderers of any by this government, there is very great party should hope always to escape the pumishment that fits their crimes.

The inventor of that 'ere ship may be excused from keeping his own appointwill bring his machine back from convincing the scoffers of New York in time

THE CUTTLEFISH CANDIDATE.

blers' and divekeepers' candidate for indefensible record.

Instead of meeting the specific charges of collusion with gamblers, of perjured testimony before the legislative investigating committee, of bartering away the exposition bill, of playing into the hands of contractors and franchised corporations as councilman and state senator. Howell's organ seeks to evade the Issue by printing under sensational headlines an alleged exposure of a policy shop which is said to have been in operation in South Omaha and Omaha for nearly two years. Assume that policy shop mayor and police, how would that fact vindicate Howell or militate against his opponent, Colonel Moores? Does it Bee that the present police force is inefficient and demoralized?

It is an established fact that the cuttle fish candidate is a gambler and associate of gamblers. He is on record as member of the council and of the legislature as an advocate of licensed gambling houses. It was proved beyond peradventure before the senate committee that \$3,000 was raised as a boodle fund by Omaha gamblers to put the Howell gambling bill through the legislature and it is a matter of notoriety that the gamblers who raised this pot are contributing the greater part of the money now being used to elect Howell mayor of Omaha. If the policy shop men have not subscribed to Howell's campaign they will doubtless be made to do so by the effective use of Howell's police club and the bulldozing of the World-Herald.

All the ink in America can not cover up the cuttlefish candidate's record upon which the searchlight of publicity has been turned by The Bee. That record navor.

Howell's record as councilman proves a supporter of the fifty-year gas franchise job, which was frustrated by the thus making a present of over \$1,000,000 to the gas trust.

The cuttlefish candidate is on record as the pliant catspaw of Solon L. Wiley, who used him at pleasure in pulling electric lighting claims through the council and In killing off propositions by which the city would have acquired an electric lighting plant of its own.

The cuttlefish candidate made him self equally useful to the water works been deprived of equal senatorial reprecompany, the telephone company and sentation through the failure of legisthe entire corporation combine. It has latures to elect and this must continue vated to the position of president of the council by the payment of money contributed by one of the contractors.

While the cuttlefish candidate is trying to escape the consequences of his own acts by shouting policy, let him explain why he absented himself when Mayor Bemis was endeavoring to displace Bolln as city treasurer immedi ately after the defalcation became known and to fill the vacancy with a trustworthy man. Let him explain furwhy be ran away Spirit Lake and remained there throughout the controversy over the approval of the bonds of the Churchill-Russell police commissioners Let him explain why he voted for the street car vestibule bill and then privately exerted his influence to have it defeated in the house. Let him explain his double shuffle on the bill extending the powers of the State Board of Transportation over express, telegraph and telephone companies when it was before the senate, why he voted once for the any more effectively than the law that bill when it lacked the votes necessary to carry, talked against it when its friends tried to rally to its support and finally ran away and dodged when it came up for passage.

When the cuttlefish candidate shall have explained all these things The Bee will supply more material to keep him explaining the remainder of his cam-

A THREATENING ISSUE. If the comments of the London press on the action of this government looking to an arrangement with the British government for the better protection of the seal in Bering sea correctly reflect official sentiment there, not much is to be expected from the efforts of Commissioner Foster. The St. James Gasette referred to the matter as quite possible to become as serious as the Venezuelan dispute and the tone of the other papers is pretty much in the same veln, one of them declaring that Lord Sallsbury will refuse to reopen the Bering sea question until the stipulated date and until Canada's claims are satisfied, this referring to the damages which the United States shall pay for the seizure of Canadian sealers, as required by the terms of the Paris award. There is shown in these press utterances that Canadian interests and influence are potent with the British goverement in connection with this question and it is this fact which gives the cession is to be expected from the Cana-

dian government. If Lord Salisbury shall refuse to reopen the question of the preservation of the seals, after the representations made probability of aggressive action on the part of the United States for the protection of its interests in Bering sen; The dispatch of Secretary Sherman on the subject is said to be couched in de the changes and additions that have ment with Secretary Wakefield if he cided terms and it seems to be understood that the administration is determined not to trifle in the matter and results of the legislative session that

quarters Edward E. Howell, the gam- press pelagic sealing, but there may be laws by several months. something more than this done. As mayor, is now resorting to cuttlefish Commissioner Foster says, the expressed the existing situation.

WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS. gambling has been tolerated by the ex-Senator Edmunds, ex-Minister Phelps candidate for mayor. and Mr. James C. Carter, who after careful deliberation reached the connot rather confirm the position of The expressed the opinion that it will be for the refunding of its outstanding distinct purpose of regulating rates, can few years. escape it. However, the decision of the association not to surrender until compelled to is perhaps natural and no harm is to be apprehended from it during the period until the supreme court shall fact that the silent general was a westit is legal.

POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS. The senatorial contest in Kentucky furnishes another and a forceful argu ment in favor of the election of United shows Edward E. Howell to be a double- States senators by direct vote of the dealing demagogue, utterly unsafe to be people. The legislature of that state While now campaigning on a platform and it has been engaged for a month in favor of municipal ownership, in the effort to perform this duty. The republicans have a majority on joint him to be the subservient tool of fran- ballot, but enough of them have perchised corporations.. He is on record as sistently refused to support the caucus nominee to prevent an election and it injunction procured by W. S. Poppleton made, so that Kentucky may continue to to prevent Howell and his accomplices be represented by but one senator until from overriding Mayor Bemis' veto and another can be elected by a new legislature. The situation is further complicated by a charge of attempted bribery on the part of the leading republican candidate, who is alleged to have offered

money for democratic votes. This state of affairs is not unprece dented. The federal constitution provides that no state shall be deprived of sickness. its equal suffrage in the senate, but a number of states have from time to time to happen so long as the present mode of choosing United States senators prevails. Familiar instances are Washingion, Wyoming, Montana and Oregon. The case of Oregon is especially note worthy, because the legislature of that state met but did not organize and after sitting through the constitutional erm the members went to their home without any formal adjournment. So dominant was the senatorial question that it prevented even an attempt at organization or normal legislative ac tion. The governor appointed a United States senator, but it is questionable

whether he will be permitted to take the seat. If the same principle is applied in this case as was applied to the appointments of senators by the governors of Washington, Wyoming and Montana, Oregon will be represented by but one senator for the next two years. In his able speech in the senate a few

weeks ago advocating an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, Senator Turple said that all these evils would disappear by this change in the method of electing senators. "The election of senators by a direct vote of the people of the several states," said the Indiana senator "is a reform much needed at this period of our history to bring the whole scheme of government into harmony with its several parts, so that senators, whether serving at Washington or in the capital of the state, shall be the immediate agents and servants of the people and be personally answerable directly to the people as such. The people in more than a hundred years of our history, in peace and war, in prosperity and adversity have shown themselves entirely worthy

of this trust and confidence." The tendency of such a contest as has been going on in Kentucky for the last month must direct popular attention more strongly to the question of electing United States senators by direct vote of the people and the more intelligently and carefully this question is considered the stronger will become the sentiment favorable to a change. There is reason to belive that if the proposed constitutional amendment were submitted to the country it would be overwhelmingly ratified.

No one has ever impugned Judge Keysor's honesty nor doubted his clearness of vision. The fact that he unequivocally indorses and supports Frank E. Moores in his candidacy, coupled with the other fact that as one of the district judges he had exceptional opportunities to observe the conduct of the clerk's office

weight with voters of all parties. by the Nebraska legislature, just adjourned, which is printed in today's Ree, should serve as a valuable index to been made to the statutes. This abstract is the first complete review of the actual

the support of congress in whatever carefully read, but also filed away for When the cuttlefish finds itself notly course it shall deem wise and necessary. reference. By the compilation The Bee pursued it tries to make its escape by The only indicated policy, in the event gives its reader all the essential points shedding a dark fluid in its wake to cover of failure to secure an arrangement, is of their new laws and anticipates the its track. Finding himself in close to use all the means at command to sup- publication of the volume of session see that they are correctly entered on the

The latest trick of the Howellites is tactics. While pretending to clamor object of the Paris arbitration was to the preparation of a fake endorsement for a searchlight, his organ is shedding preserve the seals from extinction and of the gamblers' candidate for publicaan immense amount of dark fluid to be both governments are pledged to secure tion in their organ, the World-Herald, cloud the public and hide from view that end by all needful measures. The on Monday next. The endorsement is the vulnerable parts of the man with an British government has failed to fulfill to be padded out with the names of sevits pledge and is wholly responsible for eral hundred persons who are to be ad- is corrected in order to avoid a misundervertised as republicans who have re- standing when they come to vote. pudiated their party nominees and have expressed their intention to vote for The Joint Traffic association of east- Howell. Publication is to be held back ern rallroads has decided to continue until Monday in order that no time be operations under the existing arrange- left for people whose names are fraudument, notwithstanding the recent de- lently affixed to deny their signatures or cision of the supreme court of the United for any counter endorsement to be pre-States which clearly set forth that such pared. The whole scheme, of course, is the diamond pin which be presented to How an association is in restraint of trade one grand fake, so palpably an imposture ell is a token of regard as well as recogniand riolates the anti-trust law. The de- that it will deceive none who do not cision to go on was made upon the ad- want to be deceived. Watch for this vice of the counsel of the association, spurious endorsement of the gamblers'

One of the largest railway corporations clusion that the association is legal and in the country is making arrangements platform. sustained by the supreme court when its | bonds to the extent of over \$100,000, case is heard by that tribunal next Oc- 000, at a saving of \$2,000,000 annually tober. The opinion of such eminent through the reduced Interest charge. lawyers is certainly entitled to very The question immediately arises whether great consideration, but it will be a the stockholders of the road are going great surprise if the decision in the case to pocket all of this money or whether of the Transmissouri association is not they will share it with their patrons and applied to the Eastern Joint Traffic as- the public generally. The interest paid sociation. That decision was sweeping on railroad bonds, where interest is paid as to all railway associations and com- at all, is unquestionably higher than it binations to regulate rates and it is ought to be and the refunding process most difficult to understand how the may be expected to be taken up by Joint Traffic association, formed for the nearly all the large roads within the next | yelled and Shoemaker quit the game.

The western militia will be chiefly conspicuous by its absence from the Grant parade in New York. In view of the determine the question whether or not ern man, it would seem that a full representation of troops from his own section of the country would have been especially desirable on this occasion.

The wool growers and the wool manufacturers have common as well as divergent interests in the wool and woolens tariff. The best thing they can do is to trusted with the responsible duties of was called in extra session to choose a get together on the points on which they senator to succeed ex-Senator Blackburn are in agreement and trust to congress to settle their differences fairly if not to their complete satisfaction.

> Saturday, April 17, is the only day when voters who failed to register last fall, or who have moved from one preappears probable that no choice will be cinct to another since that time, may have their names entered upon the poll books. The last registration will suffice except in case of removals.

The latest is a promise of a line of ocean steamers that will cross the Atlantic in four and one-half days, Pretty soon the time will be so reduced that the steamship companies will undertake to insure passengers against sea-

Now that the Howell--Ransom-Covell school tax bill has been vetoed, the Omaha Woman's club can realize into what foolishness it was betrayed by dancing to the strings pulled by the school board on its school teaching mem-

Perish the Thought. Indianapolis News. Suppose Senator Wolcott and brethren address a collective note to the powers?

Changes of Time. If Thomas Jefferson believed all that recent

orators claim he had a singular way when alive of saying and writing things that he did not believe. The Fool Killer on Vacation. New York Mail and Express Clearly, the fools are not all dead yet. On

the contrary, the lengthening list of persons victimized by the big firm of blind pool swindlers in this city proves that they are a very large and flourishing family. Floods and Forest Destruction. Cincinnati Times

The promptness with which water runs from cleared lands is illustrated in the Adirondacks this year. On those mountains wherever the trees have been removed there is not even a flake of snow. It has all been melted and rushed down to swell the rising streams. On the mountains where the trees are still left there is yet snow to a depth of eighteen inches which will gradually melt as the weather becomes warm, sink into the ground and through the springs of the adjaent valleys feed streams when they need feeding.

## The Situation in Cuba.

Philadelphia Pres The Cubans have recently worked the telegraph wires until they were hot with reports of battles won for their cause. The Spaniards now seem to have their innings. As sure as night follows day, a batch Cuban triumphs is invariably succeeded by group of Spanish victories, and vice versa In spite of all the pother, the situation in Cuba does not materially improve for either party to the conflict, and neither of them is Spain to crush her enemies with her overwhelmingly superior force is becoming ridiculous, while the insurgents are proving themselves pitiable muffs in not achieving any important victory over such contemptible strategists as the Spaniards are reported

## The Cruze for New Offices.

The creation of new offices seems to have become a craze which must be met sooner o later and squelched. This desire to increase the officeholding class makes itself manifest in the numerous proposals to add new de partments to the national administration. Almost every bufeau of any importance in any one of the present departments has any one of the present grown to be so self-sufficient that they imagine they should be represented at the president's council table. This would call for a new cabinet officer, for an assistant, for a first and second assistant, and directly for several thousand subordinate officers in order to add proper dignity to the big man who has succeeded in having his name added to the eight who now sit with the president.

Reciprocity with Mexico.
Philadephia Ledger.
Mexico is one of the countries with which

the United States specially desires to be a micable terms. It is a next-door neighb hostility between neighbors is always ressing, besides which so many citizens during Moores' term, will have great of the United States are engaged in business in Mexico that endless complications are sure to arise if the two countries are on any but the most friendly terms. The information. the most friendly terms. The information, therefore, that Mexico is contemplating a retaliatory tariff. In case the Dingley bill bears hard upon the products of that country, is peculiarly unwelcome. It may not be possible to exempt Mexico from the provisions of the act, but why not resume the reciprocity arrangements which worked so well a few years ago and were so unjustly broken off? We should have reciprocity with Mexico, if with any nation not merely for the sake We should have reciprocity with Mexico, if with any nation, not merely for the sake of interchanging products, but particularly because of the intimate relations of the citizens of the two countries. to join in next week's exposition parade. there can be no doubt it would have has appeared, and it should be not only of the two countries.

### LOCAL CAMPAIGN CHATTER.

Today will be the first and only day of registration. All voters who have changed their residences since the jast election should books. If they were registered last fall and have since changed their address they should go to the registrars in the old district and obtain a certificate of registration. They may take that to the registrars in the district in which they now live and the entry will then be properly made. Voters who have changed their residence without moving out of the district should see that the address

"Did you ever notice that handsome dia mond pin that Howell wears?" asked Edgar Zabriskie in the presence of a number of well known men the other day.

"You haven't. Well, it is a gift from Solon L. Wiley and Howell wears it most of the time. Wiley is anything but ungrateful, and tion for numerous friendly services." Wiley, it might be added, is now working actively in behalf of Howell's candidacy.

It is possible, with the blessing of good eyesight, to read between the lines of that ever expanding extract from the fusion

A crowd of about fifty voters were highly entertained near the fusion headquarters the other day by an animated debate between W S. Shoemaker and Andy Wiggins. Shoe maker was attempting to deny that Howell was an A. P. A., and Wiggins made bold to differ with him. Shoemaker got wild and wanted to bet \$100 that Howell had never belonged to the order.

"I can't bet," replied Wiggins, "as I am a poor man, but I was one of fifty men who every year. stood by and saw Ed Howell initiated into the order, and if my word ain't good I can produce the other forty-nine." The crowd

George E. Gibson, the popocratic candidate for tax commissioner, is self-confessedly one of the greatest men this country ever produced. He dropped into the comptroller's office in the city hall one day and chipped into a discussion of the money question. He made one of his characteristicly wild arguments in favor of silver, and when one of the bystanders attempted to dispute some of his assertions he went clear up in the air. 'Do you know anything about the money question?" inquired his listener, "Do 17 yelled Gibson, "why, I know all there is to know about it. I know more about finances than Blaine and McKinley and John Sherman together." And the crowd wondered why the country had overlooked such a promising genius.

Bill Husband, the colored janitor of the police court, draws a salary from the city for which he is supposed to put in his time keeping the jail in a cleanly condition. But during the past week Husband has left the jail by the middle of the forenoon and spent the remainder of the day working up votes for Howell. If Husband's services prove as profitable to Howell as they did to Broatch a couple of weeks ago he might as well stick to cleaning spittoons. Husband had the colored voters of the Third ward fixed for Broatch, so he said. So he got them together one night and Broach came down to make a speech and receive their expressions of support. Broatch made the speech according to program, but when the resolution endorsing his candidacy for mayor was introduced it was laid on the table by an almost unanimous vote.

ALL EYES TURNED ON OMAHA. Will the Metropolis Honor a Gambler with the Office of Mayor?

The eyes of the whole state are turned toward Omaha, and great interest is felt in the city election, which takes piace next Tuesday. The candidate of the fusionists for mayor is Senator E. E. Howell, who came out of the recent session of the legislature with a rather malodorous record. He was heralded all over the state as a gambler and a friend of the gambling fraternity and the people of Nebraska are waiting t see whether the city of Omaha wants such a man as its executive, especially during the exposition year. Republicans of Omaha and all other reputable citizens who are interested in clean city government should re member their responsibilities in this mat ter and see that the city has a mayor who is not quoted and known as the spokesman and friend of the gambling fraternity The state has a right to demand of Omaha that her government shall be decently and properly administered during the exposition year, when people of the whole country are expected to be the guests of the Nebraska metropolis.

## PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Railroads which carry congressmen to and rom Washington are beginning to take a

A collateral inheritance tax bill passed by the Michigan house applies to personal property alone. It taxes inheritances above \$5,000 per cent. Brooklyn became a city in 1834, when its inhabitants numbered 4,500, and it is about to end its separate history as a municipality

with a population of 1,140,000. Rev. Eugenie St. John of Kansas, a we known woman clergyman and advocate of veman suffrage, is going to Europe to study the problem of municipal government. Gold is more plentiful than flour among ho 2,000 destitute miners of Alaska. Wheat

\$1 a pound, although nobody has a corne It is an example, by the way, o what some people choose to call the "intrin sic value of gold."

John P. Cuddy, a farmer of Baltimore county, Maryland, who died the other day, made the first trip on Peter Cooper's loco-motive over the Baltimore & Ohio on August S. 1830. He was also present when Prof. Morse sent the first telegraphic message the Baltimore & Ohio wires between Baltimore and Washington. The California branch of the Lincoln

incoln day in the public schools of the state, and addresses appropriate to the ecasion will be made in them. Thomas N. Rooker, the noted foreman of he New York Tribune and protege of Horace Greeley, has just passed his 81st birthday and is still hale and hearty. As a mark of appreciation for his fifty-six years service n the Tribune composing room, the trustee of the Tribune have retired him from active

donument National league is raising money

by popular subscription for a monument to

Lincoln, to be placed in Golden Gate park, San Francisco. May 28 is to be observed as

duty, with half pay for the balance of his If any doubt existed as to Mr. Fitzsin nons' sensitive nature it was removed by an neident at St. Louis. The champion was in vited to a confabulation of doctors in an hospital where an operation for cancer was erformed on a patient. The sight of blood was such a shock to him that he grew and had to be assisted from the room background for the sixth round at Carson

The chief pushers of the collapsed Glob Savings bank of Chicago not only appreciated the value of printer's ink as a busi-ness promoter, but were, also, unique in phrasing their advertising matter. Here is ne of their adds: "Money is a queer Without vocal organs it always talks and can change hands without even having arms, and fly without wings. A savings



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ELECTION OF SENATORS.

Louisville Commercial: The waste of time aused by the election of senators by the leg-Islature is one excellent reason for electing them by a popular vote. Globe-Democrat: Kentucky's legislature le strengthening the idea that United States senators should be elected by the people. The instances in which legislatures prove themselves unequal to the task increase

Baltimore American: There have been very few elections of United States senators in the past several years that have not furnished upanswerable arguments showing that the system should be changed. Kentucky fur nishes a peculiarly acute illustration. The It has demoralized the business of the legis lature, has embittered and embroiled people and has hung like an incubus over the state. And Saturday there was a culmination in indictments on the charge of

bribery. Sioux City Journal: The legislature of Ken. tucky is in session. The republicans have a goodly majority on joint ballot. There is a vacancy in the United States senate, by ex-piration of the term of J. S. C. Blackburn. Yet week after week and month after month the Kentucky republicans fail to elect the republican sepator who is so serely needed by the republican party of the nation leave the vacancy unfilled simply because they are quarreling among themselves-simply because, as it appears, of personal and factional ambitions and rivalries. It is modcrate to characterize the course of the Kentucky republicans as an outrage.

### DRIFTWOOD.

Minneapolis Times: The Missouri river is trying hard to land Omaha in lowa and lowa is making strenuous efforts to mandamus the river.

Sioux City Tribune: Between municipal politics and the flood Omaha is having about all she can attend to with any prospects of doing the work well. Buffalo Commercial: Now the Missour

river is on the rampage, and threatens to make a new channel for itself sufficient to annex East Omaha to the state of Iowa. And the Mississippi continues to demolish the levees along its banks. Financial and engineering problems of vast importance to the government will be among the results of these unprecedented floods. Davenport Democrat: The Missouri river

is inclined to add a slice of Nebraska to the territory of Iowa. This is done without the asking and Iowa will have to take what the chance of a choice were offered the Democrat, for one, would be disposed to decline with thanks anything offered. Nebraska is, of course, all right, but some pestiferous notions have taken root in that soil of late years, and it will be hard to get rid of

## POLITICAL DRIFT.

Hon. Sky Olds is making a high old name for himself in Michigan politics. The Massachusetts legislature voted an ap-

The legislature of Kentucky costs the state \$1,000 a day, and the state treasury

mpty. The legislatures of Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin, as well as Nebraska's late la-mented, killed the bills designed to dismember department stores.

The legislature of Tennessee has enacted a law imposing severe penalties on officers of corporations who permit the use of corporation funds to influence political action. Cuyler Teneyck, a democratic member of the New York legislature, reports the receipt of a letter from W. J. Bryan endorsing his (Teneyck's) action in reading David Bennett Hill out of the democratic party. That settles it. Mr. Hill begging for readmission into the party will be a future spectacl worth living to see.

Attorney General John P. Stockton of New Jersey relinquished the office last week, hav ing served just twenty years. Previously he had been United States senator and United States minister to Rome. A Trenton correspondent recalls that his family has had a practically uninterrupted career of service in the state and the nation through lve generations, extending over 150 years. The Reform club of New York City will give a banquet on the 24th inst., at which ex-President Cleveland, Hon. John G. Carlisle and Hon. William L. Wilson will be guests f honor. In connection with this gathering is proposed to hold a conference of sound loney democrats in New York City. Invitamoney democrats in New York City. Invita-tions are being sent out to leaders of the gold faction in the various states, and the conference, it is expected, will last for two days. It will be held in Chickering hall, April 23 and 24 being considered as most

Hoboken, in the state of Jersey, furnished a model of official integrity and scrupulous honesty worthy of widespread emulation. His name is Dugan and he has been county collector for eleven years. In that time he has received and paid out \$21,521,329.61, without a discrepancy of a cent. His salary during that time has not exceeded \$4,500 a year, and, though under a law passed during his incumbency he was entitled to retain 2 per cent of all his collections, he has refused to retain any of it, maintaining that this law was a steal to which he would not be a party. As the perquisites thus relinquished. This is an excellent opportun-As the perquisites thus relinquist ould have amounted to more than \$430.9 ten times the whole amount r nearly has received as salary, it is small won that the people of Hudson county gave Mr Dugan a complimentary dinner.



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### MERRY JINGLES.

Detroit Free Press. Now bluebird pipes his music mild; We love him—to be frank— Because his notes are never filed Against us in the bank,

Washington Star. As patient was his Leaten mood
As any man could hope to make it.
He might have kept this fortitude
Had Easter bills not come to shake it.

We often speak of fights as mills; I wonder if it's owing To this fact: It takes much wind To set them both a going Cincinnati Tribune.

As the daffodil raised its pretty head And into the sunlight slid, A passing crow cawed loud and long; "Get on to de yeller kid!" Chicago Record.

Her form is like Diana's; She's the statue's counterpart, With deeper semblance also, For she has a marble heart. When Lent is o'er my heart will be Left sadly rearward in the lurch; For after Easter Maude will see

Those chaps who never go to church Washington Star "Insomnia?" 'Tis but a name Formed through the doctor's habit Of striving mystic words to frame. It merely means "Welsh rabbit."

Chicago Record. No wonder each little stream is acting a trifle wild. When the Pather of Waters himself gets

What can you hope from the child? Puelc. The youth in every age appears
To have the self-same aim.
Which is to make the wild oats of
His ancestors seem tame.

### DON'T KICK.

Boston Globe Boston Globe.
When to the telephone
You go.
And ring the bell,
And say: "Hello—
"Please give me number—
So and so"—
And central answers,
Soft and low:
"They're busy now."
Don't kick.

When to the barber shop
You speed.
To get a shave.
You badly need—
And on the curtained door
You read
What the barbers' union
Hath decreed;
"Closes X n m."

When from your work,
At close of day.
Homeward you wearily
Wend your way;
And on the couch
Exhausted lie;
Should loving wife then,
Sweetly say:



# Faster ilies Given Away.

TT HAS been our custom to do this every Easter, and this year will be no exception. Our Children's department is This is an excellent opportunity to secure a new suit for the boy and also receive an elegant Easter Souvenir. Take a look, anyway, at our Chil-dren's department just now if you are interested in beautiful wearables for the little ones.

We wish you knew as well as we do how thoroughly good are the clothes and materials used and how thorough the workmanship if you will consider the values. You will find that nothing is high priced here.

Clothing without character is costly at any price. We haven't anything of that sort. Come in the morning if possible, as we can give you more attention and avoid the

