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If any of those counterfeit \$100 bills have found their way into this part of the country the holders are keeping mighty quiet about it.

Strange, is it not, that Pennsylvanians do not seem to be going into raptures over the prospect of an extra session of the legislature just adjourned.

The adjutant general of Nebraska is advertising for proposals for printing his official report for the years 1897 and 1898. What has become of the state printing board?

The last trial of Argabright for murder resulted in a sentence of only eighty nine years longer than the first one. If he gets another trial it is feared be might be sent up for life.

The experiment by which two Chicago men fought a fatal duel with pitchforks might be of value to Euroreach results with swords and pistols.

to an office by the popocratic governor favored few for nothing? If the poor ungrateful?

One of the big trusts buying up plants in the iron industry has discovered that carrying the brood of parasites who an excessive valuation is being put on work the railroads for free transportathe properties. When it comes to watering stock the trust desires to have a monopoly.

One Spanish garrison has been located that does not know the war with the United States is ended. But then there are doubtless thousands of people in Spain who do not know there ever was such a war.

According to the best estimates fully 1,000,000 workers have been granted an increase of wages since the first of the year. That makes at least 1,000,000 men who cannot be convinced by the calamityites that there is no prosperity in the land under republican rule.

Notwithstanding changes in the appointive offices, the populist state comnittee will continue to maintain its headquarters at the state house in Lincoln. The chairmanship of the populist state committee and the state oil inspectorship have come to be interchangeable terms.

Evidence so far in the investigation of New York City affairs shows that your Uncle Dick Croker does not get left very often. Though the stockholders of the guaranty bond company which bonds city employes are still waiting for a dividend, Croker's stock produced a revenue just the same.

Funds must be running low in the rope if any of them are, as reported, in favor of giving up the struggle against the United States. As long as there were anything in it they would not think of giving up a soft berth like a vacation in Europe on full pay.

Reports that German war ships are under orders to proceed to Samoa do not disturb the authorities at Washington for two good and sufficient reasons. First, no trouble, so far as Germany is concerned, is liable to occur; and, secordly, the American and English force at that point is amply able to cope with the situation. Jingoes in all three countries may talk, but neither of the three governments will invite a war over so trifling a prize.

Consuls of the United States in foreign countries, particularly those of amount of trade which they could if the proper efforts were made. The trouble at present is that under improved domestic conditions the manufacturers in many lines are having all infraction of a rule of the blockade tial Cuban leaders are at present more they can do to supply the home demand and have but a limited, if any surplus, to sell abroad. The United States is the best market in the world, and protecown manufacturers.

THE MAXIMUM MILEAGE DECISION. Among the latest batch of decisions unded down by the United States susteme court that declaring unconstitutional the Michigan law fixing a maxideserves more than passing notice. By to disturb good feeling. this decision, which is simply a wider braska maximum freight rate cases, the power of the state to regulate charges of rallway companies, once expressly to the point where it can exert no pressure whatever for the benefit of the railcond-patronizing public.

While the court might, in view of other the constitution prohibits the state legislatures from depriving the railroads law by fixing arbitrary rates brespecinion would be challenging common intelligence. To avoid this untenable sequence, the court in the Michigan mileage case lays down an additional test by declaring that the legislature no more discriminating charge between differ-26,000 the compulsory sale of 1,000-mile tickets ever apparent that the triple control 24,800 at the rate of 2 cents a mile would con 24,580 stitute an unjust discrimination in favor productive of international dangers out 25,165 ets at wholesale and against those who 29,130 must pay as they go at a higher rate. While in this particular instance the charter under which the railroad was alle from passengers, the court enunciates it as a broad principle that a leg-Islature cannot compel a railroad company to carry particular persons at a rate materially less than it is entitled to charge other persons. It holds further that the legislature can fix only reason able rates and not arbitrary ones, thus intimating that the 2-cent rate would be arbitrary.

Although it is given out at Washingon that this decision "does not affect the right of the legislature to fix maximum rates on freight and passengers, but on the contrary strengthens that right by forbidding legislatures as well as railroads to make discriminations," just how this conclusion is reached is as difficult to see as is the logic which makes a discrimination out of the sale of 1,000mile tickets at rates less than exacted for single trips. The same reasoning would make an illegal discrimination out of every sale of an excursion ticket or a round-trip ticket at rates less than the regular mileage charge.

But if a cheap mileage ticket constitutes an illegal discrimination, what about the half-fares granted clergymen and other semi-charitable claimants and pire in the far east. what about the free passes sprinkled at wholesale among officials, legislators, politicians and lobbyists? If cheap mileage tickets that enable those who can pean duclists who so seldom manage to pay in advance to buy at wholesale make up the difference for the man who rides on a cheaper rate mileage ticket, tion?

As a matter of fact the mileage book is no more discrimination than is the classification of freight or the distinction made between carload and lessthan-carload lots, both of which have been recognized time and again by both and expensive one and more money recent judicial interpretation, however, has been in the direction of nullifying the power of the state to regulate railroad charges by legislation and the extinguishment of the Michigan maximum mileage law is simply another link in the chain that is transferring the power to regulate rates from the legislature to the federal courts.

AN IMPOLITIC STORY. It appears that the relation by Capthe banquet to himself and officers in exchequer of the Filipino junta in Eu- in the matter. It was unquestionably eign capital in enterprises which, in the the duty of the ambassador to take notice of the matter and it would seem from the soil." The basic industries of

down" Admiral von Diedrichs, since re- if adequate inducement is offered the moved from command, but the details labor needed can doubtless be had. Why of the incident appear now for the first may not Cuba draw labor from the time and from a source that will be accepted as absolutely authentic. It is clent encouragement were given it to shown from the statement of the Ra- go there? The supply is certainly leigh's commander that the conduct of abundant. Mr. Porter states that the the German admiral had become intolerably offensive and there can be no reasonable doubt that he was in sympathy gests that under a better system of govwith the Spaniards and disposed to ernment it may be different. make matters as disagreeable as possible for the American commander, A less presented by Mr. Porter is sound, but careful and patient man than Dewey an obstacle to the vigorous prosecu-South America, report that American perhaps would not have tolerated the of- tion of the work to be done is pretty manufacturers are not securing the fensive conduct as long as he did, but sure to be found in political agitation when he had decided to speak the German admiral heard from him in no un- operation of the people with our govcertain terms. He was told, according ernment, in the task of reconstruction. to Captain Coghlan, that any further which is essential. The more influenwould mean war and that if war was concerned about the political than the desired it could be had at any time. This | industrial | and | commercial | future | of was not quite diplomatic, but it seems Cuba and so long as this is the case

mistake in the loss of his command.

It is easy to understand German dis- of political agitation. pleasure at the relation of this incident by a naval officer who witnessed it, but mum charge of \$20 for 1,000 mile tickets It involves no reflection upon the Gerfor use between points within the state | man nation and should not be allowed

application of the ruling made in the Ne- EX-SECRETARY GRESHAM'S WARNING. The Chicago Tribune recalls in connection with the present Samoan troubles ex-Secretary Gresham's not only affirmed by the court, is followed out interesting but prophetic comment upon the Berlin act of 1889 "for the

neutrality and autonomous government of the Samean Islands" through a tripartite foreign government over the ecent cases, be expected to assert that matives. Mr. Gresham, we are told, then declared we had gained nothing "beyond the expenses, the responsibiliof their property without due process of ties and the entanglements that have so far been the only fruits of our relations tive of their reasonableness, to say that with Samoa." He claimed that the 2 cents a mile is an unreasonably low act of Berlin, "besides involving us in lmit when it has been fixed voluntarily an entangling alliance, had utterly by the roads in so many states of the falled to correct, if, indeed, it had not aggravated, the evils it was designed

to prevent." In saying that these utterances of nearly a decade ago have been strangely fulfilled the Tribune is than the railroad can legally establish a eminently correct. But more strange, farther and admits ent classes of rallway patrons and that that "It has become more than in Samoa is cumbrous, ineffectual and of those able to buy their railway tick- of all proportion to the value of the paltry group of islands in question. The United States should seize the earliest opportunity to withdraw from this anomalous and impractical arrangeoperating allowed it to exact 3 cents a ment. The coaling station at Pago Pago harbor is the only interest this nation has in Samoa, and the sooner it disencumbers itself of the Berlin compact the wiser it will be."

The strange part of the whole thing is the fact that people and papers which like the Tribune have been shouting for the extreme of annexation in the Philippines with or without the consent of the natives are ready to concede that our experiment in Samoa has been a failure and to advise complete withdrawal from the Berlin compact, saving only the coaling station necessary as a naval adjunct. If a coaling station in Samon is the only interest this nation has in those islands, it is difficult to see why one or more coaling stations in the Philippines would not subserve all our interests there, especially if supported by a friendly independent government outside.

The late Secretary Gresham foresaw clearly the difficulties that were sure to beset our path if we persisted in asserting sovereign powers in remote islands of the Pacific, and were he alive today he would certainly be adding his warn. ing against the dreams of colonial em-

A PRACTICAL PROBLEM. The question of the future of Cuba is very largely a practical question. It relates to industrial restoration, to maprices is a discrimination that compels terial development, to public improvethe railroads to keep charges up on cur- ments, to the institution of sanitary The man who carried aloft the Bryan | rent travel and enables the rich to ride | regulations, to the establishment of the at last been rewarded with appointment said of the free pass that carries the ling of the country and the prosperity of its people. The purpose of the of Nebraska. Who says republics are man who pays full fare would have to United States in the island is that of reconstruction on practical lines and United States is keeping American good progress must be made in this dimust be not pay the entire expense of rection before an independent government can be established with any reasonable hope of its being stable.

A good deal of honest and intelligent work, as Mr. Robert P. Porter points out, has already been done by the United States for Cuba, but there still remains a great deal of work to do. The program mapped out, he says, is a long courts and legislatures. The trend of than is at present in sight will be required to carry it through. The building of public roads, the establishment of public schools, the lnauguration of sanitary work, are some of the things which this government, acting in conjunction with the Cuban people, must do, and he correctly urges that to be successful this work should be begun in the right way from the foundation up, or it will become topheavy and the second condition of the Cuban people will be worse and more helpless than the first. "The population," says Mr. tain Coghlan of the cruiser Raleigh, at Porter, who has made a pretty thorough study of conditions in Cuba, "must be New York, of the incident at Manila got to work again in its strong induswhen Admiral Dewey warned the Ger- tries and the fields must be made to man admiral that the blockade must yield in abundance before enterprises, be respected, is regarded in Washington of which so much is heard, and the as being impolitic and it is possible that success of which depends so largely the captain will receive some sort of upon the prosperity of the people, can rebuke. The German ambassador has be made to pay. Sugar, tobacco, mincalled the attention of Secretary of State ing. agriculture, timber, fruit produc-Hay to the statement of the Raleigh's tion and miscellaneous industries are commander and while there was noth- the true sources of Cuban wealth. The ing in the nature of a protest made, the industrial and commercial future of visit of the ambassador to the secretary | Cuba depends upon how thoroughly and of state was a very plain intimation how persistently these industries are that he desired some action be taken worked and not upon distribution of forend, must be fed by the wealth coming to be incumbent upon the secretary of the island must be vigorously worked the navy to at least notify Captain and unless this is done Mr. Porter sees Coghlan that his story is regarded by only trouble and disaster ahead. In the department as a breach of propriety, order to do this there must be more It has been well understood that Ad- labor provided and where this is to niral Dewey found it necessary to "call come from is a puzzling question. Yet colored population of the scuth, if suffi-

The practical view of the situation which will prevent that general coto have been abundantly justified by the practical work of reconstruction will tion has placed a first lieu on it for our the circumstances. At all events it had be embarrassed and retarded. It is too as the quick-witted young officer proved in knew the Goodrich-Bishop affair and the sex. Her opposing candidate was J. C. Tolthe desired effect and shortly afterwards much to expect, however, that the men | Manila when he stopped the looting of rabid partisanship that it betrayed.

has not been satisfactory, but he sug-

Von Diedrichs paid the penalty of his who aspire to place and power can be Chinese residents by the simple method of SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. made to see the mistake, at this time, catching some ringleaders and cutting off political agriculture.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The retirement from congress of Mr. Reed will precipitate a most interesting contest for the speakership of the next rouse of representatives. Already there are half a dozen avowed candidates and it is to be expected that more will be announced in due time. Perhaps before the meeting of the next congress in December—if an extra session is not called the number of candidates will be reduced to two or three, for the claims and qualifications of the several aspi rants will in the meanwhile be pretty thoroughly discussed, but in any event a contest that will be of great interest to the republican party is assured.

which Mr. Reed has said, it "has but one superior and no peer," is worthy the ambition of any man. In authority and influence it is second only to the presidential office and in respect to legslation it may be said that the speaker s more of a power than the executive, illustrations of which could be cited from very recent history. The speaker appoints the house committees, he to a large extent controls the patronage of the body and as chairman of the comuittee on rules he may dictate the course of legislation. No such prerogatives belong to the president of the senate and indeed the presiding officer of no other legislative body in the world possesses so great powers as the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States. The speaker of the British House of Commons is by comparison a mere figurehead and this is also true of the corresponding officers in other European parliaments. The position has been occupied by some of the most distinguished statesmen in our history. Henry Clay was speaker in six congresses; James G. Blaine was three times elected to the position, which he filled with notable distinction as a parliamentarian; Samuel J. Randall was speaker in three congresses and John G. Carlisle in four, each mak ing a splendid record; Thomas B. Reed was three times speaker and his unsurpassed record as a parliamentarian is familiar to the country. He revolutionized the old parliamentary-practice in important respects, with the result of making the house the best working legislative body in the world.

The duties of the speakership are arduous and to achieve success in it a man must not only be thoroughly versed in parliamentary law and usage, but he aust have clear and quick judgment, firmness and the qualifications for leadership. Mr. Reed possesses all these in a pre-eminent degree. Who among the avowed aspirants for the succession measures fully up to the required standard of qualifications set by him?

English manufacturers, particularly those engaged in the iron industry have discovered a ray of hope, although of late they have taken a gloomy view of the future on account of American competition, which they seemed unable to meet either in price or time of delivery of work. Their presmeet the prices of American firms, but in the fact that the unprecedented demand for home consumption in the mills so well employed that they are thought not likely to seek many foreign orders. This is a slim rope on which to hang. With a surplus of money in the United States American manufacturers are not likely to allow profitable business to go begging any great length of time. Protection and prosperity have opened the door of industrial supremicy to the minufacturers of this country and the American manufacturer can be depended on to not only hold the ad-

vantage gained but to increase it. The State Banking board's report shows the state banks of Nebraska are in a most healthy condition with plenty of money to supply demands. Evidences of this are found in the large increase of deposits as compared with the previous year and the insignificant amount of rediscounts reported. When the demand for money in the smaller towns is excessive, country banks are compelled to rediscount their paper to secure money to supply the demand. A few years ago there were single banks in the state reporting a larger rediscount than the present aggregate of all of them-\$69,469.24. Deposits in March, 1899, only lack a triffe of being double those of December, 1896, while loans and discounts have increased a little less than \$4,000,000.

Spanishburg, W. Va., preachers are useful as well as ornamental. One of them acts as deputy sheriff as a side line to help out a meager salary and seeing two men in the congregation for whom he had a warrant he adjourned services long enough to arrest and handcuff them and then proceeded with his sermon. The man who attempts to disturb that prencher's services must be possessed with nerve.

Last week's clearing house reporshould be the last showing a decrease for Omaha as compared with last year. With the increased business now transacted at the stock yards and the general activity in all lines a substantial increase in clearings would be shown if the returns only showed the facts,

Now that a number of the appointexperience heretofore with negro labor ments have been filled by the governor the demand for reserved seats in the office ante-room should be somewhat relieved. The struggle for the few remaining places will lack nothing in intensity, however, even if the number of combatants has been reduced.

Changes Wrought in a Year.

Havana, Manila and other cities in ou new dependencies will have Spanish consuls. Spanish interests will still be looked after in the islands, but with what a differ-

Hair Raising Events.

Present Company Excepted.

"A man cannot be a political bigamist, declared Mr. Bryan in one of his oratorical flights. Yet Mr. Bryan managed to wed himself to three different nominations in 1896.

Great Fighters Agree. Dewey says politics is largely a matter f geography. It will be recalled that the

Right Kind of Expansion.

the tariff.

Philadelphia Ledger English iron masters are letting imporant orders for locomotives and machinery come to the United States because their works are so full of orders that they cannot fill any more within a reasonable time. The office of speaker of the house, of American works are full of orders, too, but hey know how to extend their capacity and are not unwilling to do it; hence they are aking even English trade away from the English shops.

Fire Losses in the United States.

Cleveland Leader America has one undisputed leadership which ought to be abdicated in some way. That is in the destruction of property by fire. No country in Europe pays any such gressive pulpit methods it is not surprising bills, year after year, as this republic has to foot on account of fires, most of which lister named Baylis were the costume of ought to be avoided. The annual drain cowboy last Sunday while preaching at the from this cause amounts to about 20 per Bowery mission. Mr. Baylla' remarks to his cent of the expenses of the United States audience, judging from the published regovernment, including pensions, interest on ports, seem to have been about as sensa the public debt and the operation of the postoffice system.

What Advertising Does.

Philadelphia Record Throw a stone into a stream and the listurbance of the water will not cease until the concentric circles which roll on from the point of the stone's immersion be stopped by the farthest shore. Adverising stirs the tide of business as resistessly as the stone moves the surface of he water. Even if it miss the particular object of its aim, like a poorly directed missile thrown into a stream, the advertisa's thought will run out through the great current of publicity with results as certain is the motion caused by a pebble tossed nto a brook.

Trade with Conquered Islands.

Springfield Republican. Some increase in the export trade of th inited States to the Philippines and Cuba and Porto Rico is noted. This should aturally follow from the ending of the war and the resumption of more normal conditions. The abolition of discriminating lated to inflate Chicago importance as Spanish tariffs should also help trade. And he presence of considerable bodies of you so. American troops in the Islands operates to commodities. So much of the increase in our export trade as arises from this latter fact is obtained at the expense of the domestic demand.

Cheerful Comparisons. New England Magazine.

All the constituents of a man weighing 50 pounds are contained in 1,200 ordinary eggs. There is enough gas in a man to fill a gasometer of 3,649 cubic feet; enough hyirogen to fill a balloon that would lift himself; enough iron to make seven tacks; nough fat to make three to seven pounds of candles as well as a good cake of soap; enough carbon to make sixty-five gross of lead pencils, and enough phosphorus to make Gillam has a remarkably level head. 8,064 boxes of matches. Six salt cellars full of salt, a good bowlful of sugar and a other component parts.

Our Mercenary Tendency.

Baltimore American A minister in London has been preaching marriages for money which take place here He has not carefully investigated the frank and open title market in his own country or he would not be so virtuously indignant of water to the tub. over the American fondness for the almighty dollar. There is scarcely a broken down noble house in England which does not hope to redeem its fortunes by mar riage with an American fortune. Perhaps the disposition lately evinced by American heiresses to keep their millions at home has something to do with the outbreak of British wrath over our mercenary tenden-

ROMANCER RIDPATH.

His Contribution to the Absurditie of the Dollar Dinner.

Louis Globe-Democrat. Not all the follies and absurdities of th dollar faction Jeffersonian banquet in New York were uttered by William J. Bryan John Clark Ridpath contributed his full quota to the imbecilities of that gathering. Sald Ridpath, it was a fitting thing that the author of the Declaration of Independence should at last, in his democratic way, ride up to the presidential mansion, like the lain man that he was, hitch his horse and nake ready, without the presence of a cavalcade of venal office-seekers, to take the oath as chief executive of a democratic na-

That horse-hitching story is a fiction. It omes up every four years in the democratic mallest atom of truth was ever in it. No ention of any such thing was made in any of the papers published at that time. On papers, said, in its edition of March 11, 1801. escribing the inauguration ceremonies, that at an early hour on Wednesday, March 4 the city of Washington presented a spectacle of uncommon animation;" that "at 12 o'clock Thomas Jefferson, attended by a number of his fellow-citizens, among whom were many members of congress, repaired to the capitol;" that "he entered the capitol under a discharge of artillery," and that 'as soon as he withdrew a discharge of arillery was made."

The horse-hitching fake, which, of course, Ridpath himself did not invent, but merely and his ability can be quickly gauged by repeats, was a cheat in its conception and a art of eye and skill of hand evinced in the fraud in its distribution, for many of those display that looks out upon the sidewa who have retailed it undoubtedly knew it So that, whether it be an exhibit of jewe was false. Equally tricky is Ridpath's sneer or of millinery, stationery of fashional about the "venal office-seekers." Jefferson, tints, or books just Issued from the press, o during his eight years of service, removed parasols, neckties, hostery, music, candy thirty-nine federal officials. All the other flowers, the artist of the window strives pe presidents along to Jackson-Washington, sistently for effective composition and ha John Adams, Madison, Monroe and John monization of colors as the artist of the to \$3.00. Quincy Adams-removed only thirty-five in studio does in the development of the aggregate. Jefferson turned Goodrich academy painting, bringing into play the out of the office of collector of New Haven full measure of his talent in the evolution and put Bishop in. Goodrich was capable of a picture which will make an immediate and had given satisfaction to the people of appeal to the public eye and invite to his district. Bishop was 78 years of age observation of the greater wealth and incapable. Jefferson put Goodrich out merchandise displayed within. because he was a federalist and put Bishop n because he was a democrat. When the litizens of New Haven, democrats and federalists alike, protested against this outrage Jefferson defended himself by asking: "If a due participation of office is a matter of right, how are vacancles to be obtained? Those by death are few, by resignation Brown county, Nebraska, will be watched none." and deductions of the Bryan-Ridpath party a mixture of ignorance and mendacity. Miss Davisson does battle with lawbreakers The ignorance belongs to the Bryans and as valiantly and successfully as she has the mendacity to the Ridpaths. Ridpath fought for her own rights she will be a

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Three Columbus deserves to do. The same reasons for young lady will soon be making crime odious ared heads do not obtain in a church as in in the good old county of Brownlate General Hancock was roundly berated would be a great inconvenience to the her fellow barristers.

> ustody of the bats. Paltimore American: A serious social conproached by the men exclusively and shows he proverbial masculine want of tact in being brought up just before Easter. The right and the wrong of the matter may be gravely debated, but it is safe to predic hat, whatever the decision, the hats and onnets will stay on. The movement may r may not be a desirable reform, but had been started toward the close of the season it would have some prospect of suc-

088. Chicago Chronicle: In these days of prolearn that a New York Methodist min ional as his costume. These modern innovators have already introduced packs of ards, sleight-of-hand performances and other realistic exhibitions into the pulpit, and there is no telling where they wil stop. Perhaps with the aid of an assistant they will yet put on four-ounce gloves and engage in a realistic pantomimic represent ition of the new imperialistic doctrine of commeling religion into reluctant converts.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The chirping of robins is a misleading arbinger of spring. Wait till the lawn

mower sings. Will B. Straight couldn't live up to his name. He is doing time in a Kansas jai

or the crime of bigamy. Oddly enough most of New Jersey's public nen are bachelors. Among these are Govrnor Voorhees, United States Senator Kean, neaker Watkins and State Comptrolle

Hancock. The report that Edmond Rostand, author of Cyrano de Bergerac, is insane is calculiterary center, Mr. Gross remarks, "I told

One division of the Brooklyn courts ncrease the market there for American turned down a petition requesting the judges to wear gowns. It was suggested that gowns would add to the dignity of the court but the court replied that clothes do not onfer dignity.

Colonel Duncan N. Hood, commander of he Holguin district of Santiago province, is the youngest officer of his rank in the army and so far as possible selected young me as officers for his regiment. He is a son of the confederate General Hood.

M. M. Gillam, an eastern advertising expert, places the order of importance in lewspapers as first the advertisements, sec ondly the news, and lastly the editorials. In the estimation of the business office, Mr.

Kansas papers are severely criticising the ction of a Newton lawyer who obtained nosnine and one-half gallon cask of water are session of all the property of a woman whom he defended. The woman was convicted, and the newspapers insist that the lawyer should keep her company in the penitentiary. Down in Kansas City the authorities in sist on divorcing the hydrant from the milk n the love of money in America and the can and have imposed liberal fines on dealers who persist in clinging to the union. Since the townspeople embraced the notion of free baths they desire to restrict the use

> Fishing, like adversity and politics, makes strange bedfellows. Grover Cleveland and Mark Hanna are, with a number of other well known men, members of a tarpon fishing club which has just been organized in Texas by E. H. R. Green (son of "Hetty" Green). The organization owns a \$25,000 club house on Mustang island, near Rock-

port, Tex. Chicago has a large assortment of hot things, but Chicago river has not been, heretofore, included in the bunch. A raging fire in the bosom of that limpld stream, few days ago, proved its combustibility and greatly astonished the town. As an ade quate fire risk cannot be obtained on it the town is soberly discussing ways and means to render it fireproof. The most feasible and profitable plan is to compress

it into brick and use it for fuel. AS WE PASS BY.

Pedestrians Halted by the Artistic Displays of Show Windows. Philadelphia Times.

It is in spring that the windows of the shops are particularly attractive. With the advent of the balmy days which woo the world to walk without doors, these window displays, by the appropriateness and variety of their exhibits, and the art of their arpress throughout the country, but not the rangement, challenge the pedestrian to paus

before them. The alert man of business realizes the in portant part the shop window plays in t he contrary, the records of that day show popularization of his store. Not only that a widely different condition of things imposing array of windows encircling the prevailed at the Jeffersonian inauguration spacious temples of commerce, but the single from what Ridpath and the other democratic glass of the smaller establishments is util omancers talk about. The Aurora, which ized to advantage in impressing upon notiwas one of the yellowest of the Jeffersonian the character, quality and variety of the wares obtainable within. Strolling along street of shops the eye is confronted with panoramic display of pictures which brit before the vision all manner of articles of necessity and of luxury, seasonably a lected and strikingly disposed.

The decoration of the store window has came to be regarded as an essential feature of the business of the firm, and, in conquence, there has sprung into existence recognized occupation-that of the windo decorator. There are business firms the engage an expert, who devotes himself e tirely to arranging their window exhibit!

BROWN COUNTY'S NEW WOMAN. Routs Her Male Opponent for a Po

The official career of Miss Estelle Mae straw hats. Davisson, the new prosecuting attorney of The greater part of the assertions closely both by those who believe in the "new woman" and those who deprecate. If Tradition and superstition are sometimes probably knew there was no truth in that terror to evildoers in Brown county, an valuable allies when judiciously handled, horse-hitching fable. He unquestionably honor to the balliwick and a credit to her illiver, and the official count last fall gave him

the election by one vote. Miss Davisson conchuled to see about that, so she contested the Somerville Journal: Some ministers don't election on the ground that there had been practice all they preach, but the members three illegal votes cast—two of them by perof the choir have to practice all they sing. sons who were not legal voters of the county and the third by a man of unsound mind. (O.) churches have made a rule that women. The case was tried in the district court and shall take off their hats during service. Miss Davisson's contention was sustained. The movement will probably fall through, as Unless the case is appealed and reversed the

a theater and women are perfectly justified | The successful young woman is said to be n refusing to uncover their heads in an well equipped for the position. She is a differ where they are supposed to appear | graduate of the law school of the State uniin street rather than in gala costume. It versity, and is pronounced a good lawyer by

for making a similar remark concerning women, unless the churches shall provide If she is competent, honest, industrious fressing rooms and waiting maids for the and plucky and if she has received office, why shouldn't she be prosecuting atulsion lies under the apparently innocent torney? If Tolliver had to ring in two nonquestion brought up by a Gotham church residents and an imbecile to beat a weman as to whether its feminine members shall be would better drop the contest right where remove their hats. The question is it is and let her have the place. The loss he says about it the better his credit will be. Here's hoping Miss Davisson will be such a terror to evildoers as Brown county never had in the prosecuting attorney's office before. It is common report that the canvage she made and the contest she has pushed to a successful conclusion were so plucktly onducted as to stamp her a fighting lawyer in the best sense of the term, and if she lives up to her record, Brown county will possess a prosecutor worth having.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Somerville Journal: Waggles-What a pretty baby!
Proud Mother-Do you think so?
Waggle-Yes, and a perfect image of his
nother, too!

Detroit Journal: "A woman cries at her wedding as if she had lost her best friend."
"Well, she's made a husband of him, and

t comes to the same thing. Chicago Record: "Consistency's a jowel."
"That's all right, but you can't work it off on any girl instead of a diamond ring."

Indianapolis Journal: "She was deter-uined to be married in her bleycle suit." "Well, that's why she never has been

Calcago Tribune: Titled Husband (shrug-ging his shoulders)—You took me as I am, my dear. You'll have to put up with me. American Heiress—I can put up with you easily enough. It's what I have to put up for you that hurts.

Detroit Free Press: Lilian-Marie, does your husband get vexed if you interrupt tim when he's tacking? Marte-No: but he gets furlous if I in-errupt him when he's eating or sleeping.

Washington Star: "Do you think he will propose?" asked her mother.
"He will if I want him to." answered the daughter, for the modern girl is usually quite conscious of her own power. Somerville Journal: When a man has bought a lot of furniture on the installment olds he has the satisfaction of knowing that there is at least one man in the world

who is deeply interested in his welfare Chicago Post: In the uncertain light of vening he contemplated her, bitterly. She was sitting silent, resting her dimpled hin upon her hands.
"Yes, and then there's the matter of a new spring bonnet!" she proceeded when her chin was a bit rested.
All the while he had felt that the end

IMPATIENT ONES.

An earnest little child with eyes of blue, Bright with impatience, opened wonderwide, ing he sought, as petted children do,

Now coaxing, now insisting—not denied, "Your birthday is tomorrow, dear, a short delay." "Mother, I cannot wait. I want my toys

A slender maiden, simply gowned in white, Ruthlessly plucked the flowers near the 'alm shone the moon, lovely the summer petuou- was her volce, "I hate to wait," "Forgive me, dear," her tardy lover

cried,
"Forthear your anger and become my bride." An eager youth, seeking reward of fame, Poured out the inmost treasures of his

heart yain attempt to trace his humble name Upon a corner of carth's mottled chart. The slow old world denied the high es-Broken, he fell. Alas, he could not wait

A yearning wife, yet to her country true, She saw her soldier husband sail away, God speed his ship, safely to bring him That waste of waters to Manila's bay.
The war's wild runners came. What
was his fate?

licous her cry, "Dear Lord, how can

a mother waits. Death's angel hovers near, Above a couch it bends, her only child, descrit comes, dark falls the shadow drear, Anon she pleads, the while her heart beats wild, "Stay that dread hand, It cannot be "Father above, in mercy bid him wait."

Far spent the day, the evening shadows

Across the highway fall in wavering Soft on the stilly air the lark's last call Eld- us good night, before the day is spent. A careworn man, with slow, uneven galt, Patiently plods his way, content to wait.

Why should we reach with ever eager hand. To gather flowers that must soon deeny? It why again, rebellious, take our stand. Against the swelling tide we cannot stay? Unable we to make life's tangle straight, One lesson only must we learn—to wait.

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